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1. CHIEF RETURNS AFTER

SUCCESSFUL EUROPEAN TRIP.

Dr. Taylor returned to the office Monday morning after nine weeks' absence during which time he negotiated a satisfactory settlement of the universal cotton standards controversy with Liverpool. All of the nine European cotton associations are now working harmoniously with the Department of Agriculture in carrying forward the universal cotton standards agreement, he reports.

The Chief also attended the International Cotton Congress, June 4-6, at Vienna, at which the cotton spinning and weaving industry of the world, aside from the United States, was represented. At this conference the universal standards were exhibited. The cotton spinners of Europe have manifested much interest in universal standards and wish to buy on the basis of these standards. They would also like to have staple standards established, and at their convention passed a resolution asking the Department of Agriculture to interest itself in the establishment of universal staple standards for cotton.

The Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates was represented at the International Cotton Congress by W. H. Schoenfeld, who presented a paper on cotton crop estimates. This paper made an excellent impression, Dr. Taylor said. During the meeting it became evident from the discussions that the cotton crop estimates of this bureau are looked upon as the best information available on the cotton crop.

Dr. Taylor also visited the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome and had some very interesting conferences with Mr. Hobson and Mr. Estabrook.

During the ten days before sailing for home, Dr. Taylor called at a number of farms in England and Scotland, which he had visited twenty-six years ago and compared the present condition with the condition of a quarter of a century ago. This was made possible by the fact that very careful detailed notes were taken at the time of the first visit.

The Chief returned in excellent spirits and health and was very happy, he said, to find the bureau going ahead with its work in a most satisfactory manner.

2. BUREAU COOPERATING IN NEW

ENGLAND APPLE-GROWING SURVEY.

The largest survey of New England orcharding ever to be taken was started from Amherst this week. This bureau, represented by Jesse W. Tapp, is cooperating with the Agricultural Experiment Station, the Massachusetts Agricultural College and the state departments of agriculture.

As a result of this survey it is expected to show first, the competition between apples and other fruits on New England's markets; secondly, the competition between New England apples and those from other regions, and thirdly, to determine the possibilities of exporting New England apples

profitably.

A committee composed of representatives from each New England State and headed by Mr. Tapp, has drawn up a general questionnaire and each state may add more queries as it needs the information. The enumerators will be chiefly students of the state agricultural colleges. Funds available under the Purnell Act are in large measure financing the undertaking.

3. TEXAS EXCHANGE WISHES RICE GRADES MADE MANDATORY.

Establishment of grades for rice under the United States grain standards act and Federal supervision of inspection are asked in a resolution adopted by the Houston (Texas) Merchants Exchange and forwarded to E. G. Doerner last week.

Permissive grades for milled rice have been used for three years in both foreign and domestic trade and from reports reaching our offices are very satisfactory. The Houston exchange wishes the grades made mandatory in interstate and foreign trade. It believes such action would establish a confidence among both domestic and foreign buyers and sellers and would promote uniformity of grade and provide an appeal system that they are entitled to receive thereby giving the industry assistance that would be of mutual benefit.

4. WELFARE ASSOCIATION LAUNCHES ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS.

"Pledge as much as you can afford" is the slogan with which the Department Welfare Association launches its annual campaign for funds to carry on its relief work among department employees. During the last year, the association had at its disposal \$2,447.43 and according to its annual report the money was put to extremely useful purposes.

Moonlight Excursion

To Raise Funds.

Arrangements have been made for a 40-mile moonlight excursion down the Potomac on Friday evening, July 17, on Steamer St. Johns, leaving Seventh St. wharves at 7:15 p.m. Tickets for adults, 75 cents and for children, 40 cents. Tickets may be had from G. W. Morrison, room 400, Dieber Building.

5. HOUSTON COTTON OFFICE MOVES.

The Houston Office of the Division of Cotton Marketing has moved from 617-618 Cotton Exchange Building, Caroline and Prairie Streets, to 403 Westheimer Building, Caroline and Prairie Streets. The mail address is P. O. Box 1944, and the telephone number is Preston 7754. W. E. Dent is acting chairman of the newly-established Board of Cotton Examiners at Houston.

6. TELEGRAMS RELATING TO APPOINTMENTS
SHOULD BE APPROVED BY PERSONNEL SECTION.

Telegrams relating to appointments should be approved in the Personnel Section before they are taken to the Telegraph Office for transmission. Head Clerks should observe this ruling, because the telegraph office will not transmit personnel wires without the initials of Mr. Hughes or one of his representatives.

7. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending July 2 are:

Canada. Dominion bureau of statistics. Internal trade branch.
Foreign prices & exchange rates 1924. Ottawa, 1925.

Hunt, E. E.

Conferences, by Edward Eyre Hunt, Department of commerce.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 1924.

International apple shippers' association.

Annual report on publicity, results and awards for National
apple week, preliminary report, 1923, 1924. Rochester, N.Y.
[1923-24]

Jones, L. R. & Bryan, P. W.

North America; an historical, economic and regional geography...
London, Methuen & co., ltd. [1924]

Malthus, T. R.

Observations on the effects of the corn laws, and of a rise or
fall in the price of corn on the agriculture and general wealth
of the country... London, Printed for J. Johnson and co., 1914.

National board of farm organizations.

Proceedings of the annual meeting, 1925. [Washington, D. C.,
1925]

Roberts, George E. ed.

Economics for executives; a series of twenty-four reading texts
which constitute an interpretation of the underlying principles of
economics and business for men and women in practical life... New
York, American chamber of economics, inc. [1921-23]

Western Australia. Royal commission on the wheat marketing scheme.

Interim report...principally dealing with the future operations
and control of the scheme... Perth, F. W. Simpson, government
printer, 1918.

8. MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED
BY THE BUREAU IN JUNE.

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Office of Publications during June:

Baker, O. E. and Kinser, J. B.: American Atlas of Agriculture. Part I. The Physical Basis of Agriculture, Sec. B: Temperature, Sunshine and Wind.

Bates, E. N., Bodnar, G. P. and Baldwin, R. L.: Cleaning Grain with a Bates Aspirator. For Miscellaneous Circular.

Clay, H. J. and Williams, P. M.: Marketing Peanuts. For Department Bulletin.

Coleman, D. A. and Doerner, E. G.: The Brown-Duval moisture tester. For Department Bulletin.

Johnson, E. R. and Nichols, S. D.: Farm management problems on irrigated farms in alfalfa and potato areas of the Yakima Valley. For Department Bulletin.

Regulations Cotton Futures Act. Amended and revised. For S.R. A. 91. Page proof returned June 18.

Pierce, H. C.: Poultry and egg industry in Europe. For Department Bulletin.

Wheat and Rye Statistics. For Statistical Bulletin.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

Adams, L. A.: How Consumer Surveys Help in Selling. For Kardex Company.

Adams, L. A.: Shopping for Meat. For Today's Housewife.

Crosby, H. T.: Need of Uniform Identification of Cotton Bales Stressed. For Journal of Commerce.

Sherman, Caroline B.: Agricultural Forecasting. For Journal American Bankers Association.

Sherman, Caroline B.: A World Census of Agriculture. For Journal American Bankers Association.

Smith, W. D.: Sampling Milled Rice for Grading Purposes. For Rice Journal and others.

Trout, C. E.: Virginia Livestock Men Visit Baltimore Market. For National Stockman and Farmer.

BUREAU BREVITIES

9. REGULATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES COTTON FUTURES ACT as amended, effective June 15, are now available in printed form as Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 91. Cotton Offices are being furnished with copies of the regulations. Other offices should make application for copies to the Division of Information.

10. MICHIGAN GRAPE DEAL, season 1924, is summarized by R. H. Shoemaker in a preliminary report just released by this bureau and the Michigan Department of Agriculture. A map of Michigan showing the grape shipping points decorates the front page.

11. THE WESTERN NEW YORK PEACH DEAL, season 1924, is discussed by A. E. Prugh in his report now available. Eighteen pages are devoted to tabulations. An outline map of the eastern States shows the nearness of Western New York to thickly populated consuming centers and the general sphere of distribution of its fruits and vegetables.

12. SPECIFICATIONS FOR GRADES FOR NORTHERN GROWN ONIONS (1925) have been revised and may now be had in mimeographed form.

13. MICHIGAN APPLE DEAL, seasons 1923 and 1924, is the title of another preliminary report by R. H. Shoemaker. The report was submitted as a joint contribution from this bureau and the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

14. THE LONG-TIME OUTLOOK FOR THE SHEEP INDUSTRY, a report prepared in this bureau, has been revised. Copies of the revised edition may be had from Miss Thomas.

15. THE LIST OF CONTAINER MANUFACTURERS AND JOBBERS has been brought up to date and copies of the new edition are now being distributed.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

A. B. Gemung, after serving on part time during the past school year, has been reinstated as Agricultural Economist and reported for duty July 1. Mr. Gemung is best known as the editor of The Agricultural Situation.

D. L. James, of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, left Saturday for Chicago, Madison, Milwaukee, Plymouth, Minneapolis, Fargo and Grand Forks to confer with and assist officials of the North Dakota Agricultural College in the development of plans for a survey and study of problems of marketing poultry products; also to confer with officials of cooperative dairy and poultry marketing associations concerning methods employed in marketing dairy and poultry products cooperatively.

W. A. Wheeler left Sunday for Oklahoma City to attend a conference of representatives of the Oklahoma State Broomcorn Growers' Association and representatives of the Inspection Department of the State Market Commission to arrange for the adoption of the tentative Federal grades for broomcorn as state grades and the establishment of a state inspection service on broomcorn. He will also confer with representatives of the Fort Worth Grain Exchange relative to joint Federal-State hay inspection at Fort Worth; at Kansas City, with representatives of the Grain Inspection Department, Extension Service, and Department of Agriculture for the State of Kansas, relative to the establishment of joint Federal-State hay inspection for Kansas; at Bloomington, Ill.,^{with} Eugene Funk, President of the American Seed Trade Association relative to seed marketing investigation now in progress by the division; and at Indianapolis, with the chairman of the Special Committee of the National Cannery Association appointed to consider action relative to Federal grades for beans. He will also consummate arrangements for the establishment of a Federal hay inspector for the Cincinnati market, and at Chicago, will confer with the supervising hay inspector and officers of the Chicago Hay Exchange relative to the revised and new grades for hay made effective July 1.

C. F. Sarle, of the Division of Crop Estimates, and L. H. Bean, of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, are taking graduate work in economics at the summer school of Columbia University.

W. O. Whitcomb, formerly in charge of the seed reporting work in Minneapolis and now in charge of the seed and wheat testing laboratory at Bozeman, Mont., was a recent visitor to the Minneapolis Office of Federal Grain Supervision. Mr. Whitcomb is on a vacation trip which will include stops in Illinois and Michigan.

Miss Anna Dewees, Assistant to Dr. Stine, left last week to take up summer study at Columbia University, New York.

F. G. Crout, in charge of the Atlanta office of the Warehouse Division, and R. L. Newton, in charge of the Dallas warehouse office, are meeting at New Orleans this week to arrange for the printing of warehouse receipts to be used next season for the Public Cotton Warehouse.

W. E. Lewis left last night for New York and Trenton to investigate the grading, harvesting, packing and shipping of green corn and other vegetables.

F. G. Robb and F. M. Patton, of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, were in Philadelphia last Thursday conferring with representatives of the Pennsylvania Railroad relative to the possibility of more extensive use of our inspection service by that railroad.

H. A. Spilman has returned from his trip to the Middle West in the interest of package standardization.

Ralph Gould of Kansas has been appointed Assistant Economic Analyst in the Division of Statistical and Historical Research to study the relation of transportation facilities and rates to the production and marketing of agricultural products. Mr. Gould received his A. B. degree from the University of Kansas in 1923, and an M. B. A. degree from the Harvard School of Business Administration in 1925, having taken two years' graduate work in statistics and transportation. He reported for duty in Dr. Stine's division last Wednesday.

Joseph A. Becker, of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, is leaving about Friday of this week to make inspections of the crop estimates cotton offices in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. He will be gone about 10 days.

W. F. Callander has been invited to address the Chicago Board of Trade on crop reporting methods. He will probably go to Chicago about July 16.

F. M. Simpson, formerly with the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, and now connected with the Research Department of Swift & Company at Chicago, visited old friends in the bureau yesterday and today.

Z. R. Pettet, Cotton Statistician for the South with headquarters at Atlanta, who has been in ill health for some time, tendered his resignation to take effect July 2. D. A. McCandliss, Statistician for Mississippi, has been named Cotton Statistician to succeed Mr. Pettet. Mr. McCandliss will continue to have his headquarters at Gulfport.

Thew D. Johnson, who has been acting in charge of the Graphic Section since G. C. Haas left for the foreign field, has gone to Louisiana, where his services will be utilized in connection with the economic survey being made of the production, consumption and marketing of farm products in the New Orleans Trade area. This survey, as has been previously announced, is being made by this bureau in cooperation with the New Orleans Association of Commerce, the Louisiana State University and the Mississippi A. and M. College. Inasmuch as Mr. Johnson's salary is to be paid by one of the cooperating agencies, his status with this bureau has been changed from Assistant Agricultural Statistician to Collaborator.

R. G. Hainsworth is now acting in charge of the Graphic Section.

Commissioner of Agriculture Washburn of Maine called at the Fruit and Vegetable Division last Wednesday to interview W. A. Sherman and F. G. Robb concerning the possibility of reestablishing shipping-point inspection in Maine.

Miss Edith Dansereau, Division of Land Economics, left Thursday for a three weeks' vacation in Harrisville, N. Y., and other points in the Adirondack Mountains.

B. O. Weitz, Division of Land Economics, left Friday for a week's vacation at his home in New York City.

The bureau is now receiving direct information on the London wool sales. Mr. Worth, one of our representatives at London, sent the first message of this kind to the bureau today.

Alfred M. Stebbins is employed by the Division of Statistical and Historical Research as Junior Economic Analyst to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William G. Hamilton. Mr. Stebbins is engaged in making statistical analyses of data pertaining to prices, stocks, marketing and distribution of grain.

Mr. Stebbins received a B. S. degree from Cornell University in 1924. During the past year he has been employed in the statistical department of the New York Library Bureau.

Charles B. Mercer, head clerk in the joint office at New York City is being transferred to Houston, Texas, to take charge of the clerical work of the cotton office. En route to Houston, Mr. Mercer will stop at Washington for conference and instruction. He will leave New York in about a week.

H. C. Wilcox, in charge of the Photographic Laboratory, is spending three weeks of leave at his home at Clarks Summit, Pa.

C. L. Luedtke, of the Foreign Section, is now at the University of Minnesota taking summer work in economics.

Miss Mary Malamphy, of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, sailed Saturday on the Leviathan for a six weeks' tour of Europe.

Miss Caroline Gries, of the Foreign Trade Unit, returned yesterday morning from a two-weeks' vacation spent in Tiffin, Toledo and other points in Ohio.

Miss Caroline B. Sherman, of the Division of Information, left last Friday for the White Mountains where she will spend a three-weeks' holiday. En route she stopped at Greenfield, Mass., and saw again the Arthur Totter residence, first built and owned by her great grandfather.

W. O. Fraser is now in charge of the Boston office of the Marketing Livestock, Meats and Wool Division.

Miss Laura Sankey, Division of Land Economics, left Friday for Snow-don, Ala., to visit for a month.

Miss Katharine Hicks, Division of Land Economics, started Friday for her home in Canandaigua, N. Y., where she will spend a month's vacation.

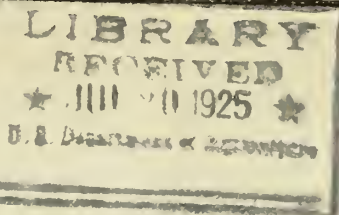
C. E. Gibbons is spending July at Fenelon Falls, Canada.

L. A. Adams, Division of Information, is motoring to Niagara Falls and Canada, and expects to return by way of Boston and New York City.

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1. BUREAU EFFICIENCY BOARD TO REVIEW APPEAL CASES

In the future when there is a question of doubt as to the advisability of submitting an appeal under the Classification Act to the Personnel Classification Board, the case will be considered by the Board of Review of Efficiency of this bureau. The advice of the board will then be furnished to the Chief of the Bureau for his consideration in finally determining whether the recommendation for the bureau should be forwarded to the Classification Board or disposed of within the bureau. Heretofore, cases under dispute have been handled informally by a committee consisting of the Chief, Assistant Chief, and the Employment and Business Managers.

At the present time there are approximately fifty cases of appeals submitted by the various divisions that have not been acted upon by the administrative officers for various reasons. Among the reasons are:

1. Facts set forth in requesting appeal do not clearly indicate that the position in question had been improperly allocated.

2. If certain positions were improperly allocated, then unquestionably a number of other cases of similar responsibility should be appealed at the same time in order that undue advantage may not be given to those divisions which are more energetic in the matter of classification appeal. These cases have been held pending an opportunity for the Employment Manager to get better acquainted with the facts in order that the cases may be more intelligently handled with the Classification Board representatives when the appeals come up for discussion.

The present procedure for handling appeals (except in cases of doubt as outlined in the first paragraph) will continue. The Employment Manager will, as heretofore, represent the administrative office in classification matters. All correspondence of any nature or any recommendation leaving the bureau will be handled personally by Mr. Hughes.

2. LARGE CLASS RECEIVING INSTRUCTION IN COTTON GRADING AT RALEIGH.

"I have a very interesting class of about 50 students, consisting of one mill secretary and treasurer, one banker, the sales manager of the North Carolina Cooperative Association, several of their classers, probably 20 cotton buyers and mill classers, and the rest mill overseers, farmers, ginners and students," writes Robert L. Kause who is giving instruction in cotton grading according to universal standards at the North Carolina Agricultural College. "Quite a conglomeration" he says "but they all seem decidedly interested in learning just as much as possible about the work and I believe that practically all of them will qualify for the certificate offered by the college to those successfully completing the course. Several of the men have taken previous courses here during past summers and have come back with just as much interest as if they were beginners. There

is not much doubt but what there is a decided demand for instruction of this kind and that the men appreciate what they receive. The classes are getting larger each year. The president of the mill at Franklinton who sends a couple men here each year said that it was the best investment he ever made."

3. FRENCH MARKET BEING STUDIED IN NEW ORLEANS AGRICULTURAL SURVEY

To lay out general plans for the agricultural survey of the New Orleans trade area and to study the marketing problems of New Orleans, a six-days' conference of the workers was recently held. Attending the conference were: Burke H. Critchfield, director of the survey; T. D. Johnson, assistant director; T. M. Patterson, Mississippi State Agent in Marketing and director of the survey in that state; Lewis E. Long, agricultural economist, Mississippi A. & M. College; and Sherman Johnson, agricultural economist, Louisiana State University.

In connection with the survey, a study is now being made of the patrons of the French Market in New Orleans to determine where they come from, how they get there, the time consumed, value of their loads, the kind of farm products they are bringing in and the problems they need to overcome to make their business profitable.

4. ECONOMIC STUDIES OF CONNECTICUT TOBACCO INDUSTRY PLANNED.

The agricultural experiment stations at Storrs and New Haven are planning some intensive economic studies of the growing and marketing of Connecticut Valley tobacco, and Jesse W. Tapp, of this bureau and Secretary of the New England Research Council, is assisting in formulating the plans. It is pointed out that the cigar types of tobacco have not shared in the increase in demand which has enabled the growers in other areas to increase acreage. Connecticut Valley growers are faced with the necessity of reducing acreage and are uncertain as to the enterprises which should be used to take the place of tobacco on some of the land now devoted to tobacco.

The New Haven station plans an intensive study of the soil types of the area and of their adaptation to the production of crops other than tobacco. The Storrs station will undertake exhaustive studies of the demand for cigar tobacco and of the farm management problems in the area relating to the proper selection of enterprises and the most economical methods of tobacco production.

Profs. Davis, Waugh and Hendrickson of the Storrs station, Dr. Morgan of the New Haven station, Mr. Southwick of the Extension Service, and J. W. Tapp spent July 8 traveling over the area and discussing the problems with farmers. Specific plans for studies will be prepared after the problems have been clearly formulated.

5. KANSAS CITY PRODUCE DEALERS
ACKNOWLEDGE HELPFUL SERVICE.

"On behalf of the Fruit & Produce Dealers Club" writes the President of the Club "wish to congratulate your department on the fine article of June 20 this year regarding Kansas City's fruit and vegetable supply during 1924 written by A. E. Prugh in charge of the office here at that time. This is really valuable information and a fine report, and the article was read with much interest by all of the trade here. We feel sure that the dealers will file this report away for future reference."

6. ILLINOIS THANKS BUREAU
FOR ASSISTANCE IN GRAIN COURSE.

"Our first short course in grain elevator management was a decided success and we feel especially thankful to your bureau for the cooperation which we have had" writes Dean Mumford of the Illinois College of Agriculture to Mr. Tenny. Dean Mumford also wrote to Secretary Jardine commending members of our staff who took part. He mentioned H. J. Besley, Dr. Stine, W. F. Callander, Fred G. Smith, Philip Rothrock, and Harry Rhoades.

OFFICIAL ITEMS

7. PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.

The Traffic Manager's Office has established a very friendly and cooperative relationship with the representatives of the railroads out of Washington for making reservations for pullman accommodations for a contemplated trip. This arrangement consists of telephoning the number of the transportation request to be used for pullman travel to the railroad over which travel is to be purchased, securing the necessary reservation through this carrier and later buying the ticket at the convenience of the traveler or having it sent to the office of the department making the reservation by the carrier from which the ticket is purchased.

In making this reservation it is often necessary for the railroad company to telegraph for space on an extended trip, involving the holding of space not only out of Washington but from points beyond.

Lately it was brought to the attention of Traffic Manager E. E. Forbes that this space is not always released when it becomes necessary to cancel a trip, with the result that the train moves with this space lost to the market for the pullman company. Recently one of the large railroads out of Washington ordered that no further reservations should be made until after the ticket had been purchased. The matter has now been adjusted with this particular carrier with the understanding that it be mandatory upon any traveler or bureau officer of this department making a reservation on a government request and finding it necessary to cancel the travel, to give notice at once for the release of the pullman reservations to the railroad making same, or if it is after office hours and the same agency for the railroad cannot be reached, that the PULLMAN

OFFICE AT UNION STATION BE CALLED AND THE SPACE RELEASED BEFORE TRAIN TIME.

The above requirements must be strictly observed if the present system of special accommodation from the railroads to the Department of Agriculture is to continue.

8. INSPECTION OF SUPPLIES AT FIELD OFFICES.

The attention of field offices is called to the necessity of checking carefully the quantity and quality of goods received direct from contractors on purchase orders. In several instances recently discrepancies between the quantity of envelopes billed to field offices on direct shipments and the quantity actually received have been reported. On nearly every purchase order the contractor is vouchering for overruns of 500 to 5,000 envelopes. These overruns are allowable, but must be certified to by the field offices. The number of boxes should be carefully noted and also whether or not the boxes contain the full count of 500 envelopes. Since the banding of envelopes has been discontinued to facilitate feeding them into the addressing machines, reports have been received that the quantity of envelopes to the box has been variable, in most instances running less than the full 500. This matter has been called to the attention of the contractor, but for the present, at least, actual count should be made of several boxes of envelopes selected at random in each case. The Washington office has no means of checking up on shipments made direct to the field offices by the contractor except as certified on the receipted copies of the purchase orders which are returned. Therefore, it is essential for the field offices before returning the receipts to make careful check of the goods to determine whether or not they are in accordance with the specifications as to quantity and quality.

9. MAILING PRINTED MATTER UNDER FRANK.

There is no general rule concerning the mailing of printed matter not issued by the Government and each case may be considered separately upon its merits. If the printed matter is such that parties other than the department can send on request, the request should be referred to such parties. The question to decide in each case is, why is the publication sent? In order to determine whether or not it is strictly Government business all cases of doubt should be referred to the administrative office which will consult with the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, if necessary.

10. EFFICIENCY RATING SLIPS TO BE DISTRIBUTED.

Slips indicating the efficiency rating given each member of the Washington personnel for the period from November to May will be distributed this week. It should be remembered that the maximum rating is 100%, the average rating, 82.5%, and the minimum rating required for retention in the service, 65%.

11. BUSY DAYS.

During the busy days preceding the close of the fiscal year and those immediately following, many of our members have been performing overtime service. On Friday, July 3, the department closed at 1 p.m., but members of the Computing and Tabulating Unit of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates were busy working on the crop report released on July 9. The cheerfulness with which they worked July 4 and Sunday, July 5, was commented upon by their superior officers, and F. J. Blair, in charge of the unit, to show his appreciation, treated the force to ice cream on the Fourth.

The Personnel staff has been putting in longer hours than usual on account of promotion work and efficiency ratings.

Other members of the staff have been seen to enter the buildings before 7, and it has been whispered around the corridors that our new Assistant Chief occupies his room for such long hours that the charwomen never have an opportunity to do their customary cleaning.

12. TWIN CITIES EMPLOYEES
ENTERTAIN SECRETARY.

About 120 employees of the Department of Agriculture stationed in Minneapolis and St. Paul gave a luncheon in honor of Secretary Jardine at the New Nicllet Hotel, Minneapolis, July 6. Dean W. C. Coffey of the University Farm and Dr. E. M. Freeman, Dean of the Minnesota College of Agriculture were among the guests.

The Secretary gave a brief but interesting talk and greeted each employee by shaking hands with him after the luncheon.

13. INFORMATION DIVISION
ENJOYS GARDEN PARTY.

Members of the Division of Information and Assistant Chief and Mrs. Tenny were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gilbert at a garden party last Friday evening. A caravan of automobiles transported the guests to the Gilbert home on Hamilton Street where a delicious picnic supper was served on the lawn, after which a number of games and contests were enjoyed not only by the participants but by the audience as well. Among successful contestants were Miss Parker, Mrs. Sollers, Miss Viehmann and B. L. Perkins. C. E. Trout was awarded the booby prize in the suit case race.

14. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending July 10 are:

American fruit and vegetable shippers association.

Annual business meeting... 7th... January 8th, 9th and 10th, 1925. Chicago [1925]

De Belle Ball, G.

Agriculture at the cross roads. (An analysis of the position) [London, Printed and published by Harrison and sons, ltd., 1924]

The "Fruit grower" directory & handbook, 1925. London, Benn brothers, limited [1925]

Iowa. Farm bureau federation.

Iowa farm costs and incomes in 1923. Report on work conducted by Iowa farm bureau federation and Iowa agricultural experiment station. Des Moines, Iowa farm bureau federation [1924]

Filipetti, George.

... The wholesale markets in New York and its environs. Present trends and probable future developments... N.Y., Regional plan of New York and its environs, 1925. (Regional plan of New York and its environs. Economic and industrial survey... Economic series; monograph No. 11)

Liverpool corn trade association, limited.

Annual accounts and balance sheet for year to 31st March, 1925. [Liverpool] 1925

Norges kooperative landsforening.

The co-operative movement in Norway. Christiania, The National Norwegian co-operative society's publishing house, 1924.

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15. SOME FACTS ABOUT THE USE OF MILK IN METROPOLITAN BOSTON is the title of a recent mimeographed report issued by the Division of Markets of the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The study was made by W. W. Michaud and Jesse W. Tapp of this bureau and the New England Research Council, and Hall B. Carpenter of the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture. Changes in the use of milk from 1922 to 1925, seasonal variations in the use of milk in restaurants and in the sales of milk by dealers, and the use of milk in Boston restaurants are considered.

16. HOW TO PICK CHICKENS is described and illustrated in Miscellaneous Circular No. 42, just off the press. This circular is a revision of an unnumbered circular of the Bureau of Chemistry issued in 1918. It is stated that badly picked chickens cause a money loss of 2 to 6 cents a pound. Torn skins, rubbed skins, "burnt" wings and legs, bloody hips, pin feathers that show, and discolored necks are evidences of careless dressing.

17. ECONOMIC SURVEYS IN AREAS SURROUNDING GROWING CITIES are described by B. H. Critchfield and H. I. Richards in a mimeographed pamphlet recently issued. Objectives and methods of these surveys are outlined, and a summary of completed investigations is given. Surveys are now being carried on in the State of Rhode Island, the New Orleans trade area, two areas in Pennsylvania and the territory tributary to Richmond, Va.

18. LIVING CONDITIONS AND FAMILY LIVING IN FARM HOMES OF SCHOHARIE COUNTY, N. Y., are discussed in a preliminary report contributed by this bureau and the New York State College of Agriculture. Dr. E. L. Kirkpatrick, Associate Economic Analyst of the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, is joint author of the report.

19. FOUR FIELD SUMMARIES were released during the past week. They are: Michigan Pear Deal, season 1924 by R. H. Shoemaker; Western Slope, Colorado Potato Deal, season 1924, by R. L. Sutton; the Southeastern Watermelon Deal, season 1924, and the Ocala Section Tomato and Cucumber Deal, season 1924, by F. H. Scruggs.

20. DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR is the status of our bulletin board in the hog yards of the Fort Worth stockyards. Sterling Emens, our local representative, advises that some of the boys in the yards say that one of the leader goats butted it to pieces.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Dr. Taylor returned to the office this morning from Chicago where he spent Friday and Saturday of last week.

Edwin Smith and George Haas left Vienna June 16 to study the prune industry of Bosnia. Mr. Smith writes: "We go to Belgrade and from there take a narrow gauge railroad up to the front. They say that country is full of malaria and Mohammedans. * * When I get back I am going to London getting a line en route on what apples and pears Belgium and Holland produce."

Joseph G. Martin reported for duty as Specialist in Cotton Classing on July 8, to assume charge of the market news service office of the Cotton Marketing Division at Charlotte, N. C.

Mr. Martin served in the former Bureau of Markets from October, 1913, to November, 1919, when he resigned to enter commercial work. Former co-workers extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Martin upon his return to the fold.

Chris L. Christensen left Sunday afternoon for Chicago to confer with officials of the National Farmers' Elevator Association and the Farm Bureau relative to the formation of a grain marketing association.

John J. Burns has been transferred from the Chicago office of Federal Grain Supervision to the Cincinnati office.

Charles Sperle, Truck Crop Specialist, is being transferred from Washington to Houston, Texas, to collect information and render reports on truck crops from the Rio Grande area.

R. C. Miller, Grain Supervisor of the Minneapolis District, is at the North Dakota Agricultural College this week to discuss various problems of grain grading and work under the grain standards act with country grain buyers at a short course being given for elevator managers of North Dakota.

This work was arranged through the Agronomy Department of the Agricultural College.

L. J. Graham, of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, left last week for a number of western points to confer with representatives of agricultural extension service, professors of poultry husbandry and others regarding national standardization of eggs. He will conduct exhibits and give demonstrations of the standards and grades for eggs, will hold egg candling schools, and will assist the agricultural extension service of the University of Nevada in demonstrating the proper methods of candling, grading and packing eggs in accordance with the U. S. standards. His itinerary includes stops at Chicago, Fort Collins, Laramie, Wyo., Logan, Utah, Reno, Nev., San Francisco, Corvallis, Ore., Pullman, Wash., Moscow, Idaho, Fargo, N. Dak., St. Paul, and Madison.

George T. Barber, a Clerk in the Computing Section of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, died in Washington July 9. Mr. Barber entered the service of the department as a member of the Division of Publications in 1908.

Miss Katharine G. Kostmayer, of the Viseing Section, is sailing with her parents the latter part of this week for Europe, where she will spend a six-weeks' holiday. She expects to visit England, France, Switzerland and Germany.

A. V. Swarthout has gone to Chicago and Greenwood, Miss., to confer with the directors of the Staple Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association regarding a study of the merchandising methods and business practices of cooperative marketing of cotton by cooperative associations, and to interview prospective appointees and research workers in cooperative marketing of livestock.

M. R. Cooper was in New York last week conferring with state officials regarding plans for an economic survey of the peach industry.

Miss Mary Frances Heath, Division of Agricultural Cooperation, returned to her desk yesterday after a two-weeks' vacation at Snowhill, N. C.

Miss L. E. Bowdler, Division of Agricultural Cooperation, left yesterday for an extended holiday in the west. She will visit Yellowstone Park, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, returning by way of the Grand Canyon.

Miss Althea M. Carlstedt, of the Minneapolis Office of Federal Grain Supervision, is suffering from a sprained ankle.

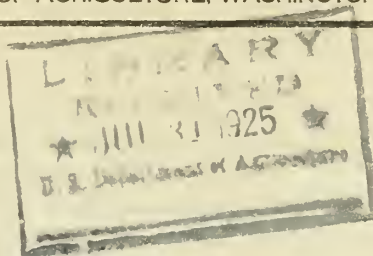
Mrs. Freda M. Buchsteiner Crespo, formerly of the Personnel Section and now residing in Porto Rico, called with her young daughter to visit friends in the bureau.

R. S. Washburn, Division of Farm Management and Costs, is spending two weeks at his home in Schenectady, N. Y.

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1. BARLEY REVIEWS TO BE PART OF GRAIN MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

Arrangements for the distribution through the local papers of weekly reports covering the barley markets at Los Angeles and San Francisco were made by G. H. Collier of the Hay, Feed, and Seed Division, who returned July 15 from a two-months' trip. The report, which will cover the international market situation, will be compiled in Washington by Mr. Collier and H. S. Irwin, as are other grain market reviews, and wired to the coast for release.

Mr. Collier went to the coast, stopping en route at points in Oklahoma, Texas and Arizona, to arrange for market correspondents and for the distribution of the grain and hay market reviews through the local papers and other publicity agencies. In California he spent about three weeks with representatives of the State Department of Agriculture in a study of the barley market situation throughout the grain producing areas. Much interest is being shown in the grain market news service in Oregon, he states. Through the splendid cooperation of the extension services and State departments of agriculture in Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, Mr. Collier reports that a wide distribution of the grain market reviews is being effected in the grain producing sections of those States. It is expected that more than 100 of the leading papers in these States will carry the reviews regularly each week.

To make the reviews available as quickly as possible in the Northwestern States, they are being distributed from the leased wire offices at Denver and San Francisco. At Denver the work is being handled by John D. Snow in charge of the market news service of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, and at San Francisco by Wm. E. Schneider in charge of the local office of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division.

2. WALNUT GRADES TO BE ISSUED.

Walnut grades prepared by this bureau and submitted to the California Walnut Growers Association for test purposes have now been reported as satisfactory by that organization which practically controls the production of walnuts in this country. Specifications for the grades will be mimeographed and distributed by the Fruit and Vegetable Division at an early date.

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There is no free scholarship in the school of experience.

3. FEDERAL STANDARDS FOR BROOMCORN ADOPTED BY OKLAHOMA.

The new tentative Federal standards for broomcorn were adopted by the Broomcorn Growers' Cooperative Association at a conference held in Oklahoma City July 8 and 9, and plans were formulated for using the standards in all association transactions this year. W. A. Wheeler and G. B. Alguire, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, and representatives of the Oklahoma State Marketing Commission attended the conference.

Arrangements were also consummated for developing a State inspection service on broomcorn under the auspices of the State Market Commission assisted by Mr. Alguire and others in this bureau. During the past few years the association has handled a large part of the broomcorn grown in Oklahoma, which State normally produces over half the broomcorn of the country. A school for training the inspectors, samplers and others connected with this service will be conducted in Oklahoma City by representatives of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division. Inasmuch as no grades generally suitable for marketing broomcorn had heretofore been devised, this step marks an innovation in the industry. Many of those who have given careful study to the grades proposed and who are well acquainted with the industry feel that the standards will be entirely practical and will assist very greatly in the marketing of this commodity. Mr. Alguire has spent a large part of the time for the past five years in market news work on broomcorn in the Southwest, and during the past two or three years he has given extensive study to broomcorn standards.

A move has been made looking toward the adoption of Federal grades and the establishment of a Federal inspection service on broomcorn in the producing district of Illinois which ranks next to Oklahoma in production. Arrangements, however, have not been completed in that State for the establishment of this service.

4. DISCOUNT ON FORD PARTS.

Under date of July 14, 1925, the New York City office of the Ford Motor Company has advised this department as follows:

"On the subject of discounts this is to advise you that inasmuch as the U. S. Department of Agriculture is a national fleet owner they are entitled to a 25% discount on Ford parts over the counter of any authorized Ford dealer. In cases where a car is being repaired in the dealer's shop, a 15% discount is given on all Ford parts installed.

"We believe it might be a good idea for you to furnish your salesmen with cards or papers of identification as it might avoid any possible inconvenience they might have in procuring these discounts."

Identification cards which have been furnished the field force should serve to identify our men when purchasing Ford parts for Government-owned cars.

5. FOUR MEMBERS WORKING
FOR DOCTOR'S DEGREE.

Four members of the Bureau are candidates for a doctor's degree in agricultural economics during the year 1926. They are: P. F. Brookens, G. F. Cadisch, A. B. Genung, and J. S. Hathcock.

Mr. Brookens, a member of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, received his B. S. degree from the South Dakota Agricultural College in 1917; A. M. from Columbia in 1925. The title of his doctorate thesis is "International Competition in the Dairy Industry in the United States."

Mr. Cadisch, of the Division of Agricultural Finance, was graduated from the University of Illinois with the degree of B. S. in 1917; received his M. S. from New York University in 1924. "Agricultural Credit in the United States" is the title of his thesis.

Mr. Genung, Editor of The Agricultural Situation, received his B. S. degree from Cornell in 1913. He expects to complete a study of marginal land in New York State next year and the results of this study will be the subject of his doctorate thesis.

Mr. Hathcock, a member of the Division of Agricultural Cooperation since February, received his early degrees as follows: B. S., North Carolina State College of Agriculture, 1915; M. S., Cornell, 1923. The title of his thesis is "Cooperative Cotton Ginning."

6. HAY INSPECTORS' SCHOOL
TO BE HELD AT KANSAS CITY.

A school for training Federal hay inspectors will be held at our hay standardization laboratory, 1513 Genesee St., Kansas City, beginning August 17. This school will be to train a number of inspectors for the Middle Western States; also for extension workers and others in that territory who are interested in Federal standards. Anyone desiring to attend the school should either write the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Washington, or the Hay Standardization Laboratory, 1513 Genesee St., Kansas City, Mo.

7. SPECIALIST IN COTTON CLASSING
EXAMINATION TO BE HELD.

A non-assembled examination for Specialist in Cotton Classing, at a salary range from \$3,800 - \$5,000, will be held by the Civil Service Commission. Receipt of applications will close August 25. Competitors will be rated on education, experience and fitness and on a thesis or discussion. Those who successfully pass the non-assembled tests will be given a practical test in grading and stapling cotton, which will be given at points as conveniently located with respect to the competitors' domiciles as possible.

Announcement No. 204 gives further details regarding this examination.

8. ONE NIGHT IN A POLICE STATION.

From a military police station 40 miles east of Sarajevo, in the Balkans, G. C. Haas sends some brief observations regarding the study of the Bosnia prune industry being made by him and Edwin Smith. Mr. Haas confides that it is the first time he ever slept in a police station, but as they were stranded 40 miles from their destination, they preferred the station to spending the night in a taxi. The taxi driver, a native who had spent 16 years in America in a western mining town, failed to fill his tank at the last place where gas could be bought, hence the forced stop-over.

Mr. Haas states that the experiences they have had in securing the prune information would make much more interesting reading than Mr. Smith's promised prune report.

Recent advices from London indicate that Mr. Smith was expected there on July 6.

9. POPOVERS.

Edward A. Foley, our Agricultural Commissioner at London, accompanied the party from the American Cotton Growers Exchange on its trip through England. Mr. Foley writes "While in the North I will pop over to Chester and take in the Royal Agricultural Show." The show was held July 7-11.

10. MONKEY BUSINESS.

Apparently having heard of the Dayton trial, a correspondent inquires through our London office whether it will be safe to bring his pet monkey into the United States. He declared he had intended bringing it in through Canada but had heard that there was danger of his pet being put into quarantine.

11. A HOLIDAY FROM CROP REPORTING.

"You need not send me any blanks now as I'm taking a trip to Europe and will not be back before October 1" writes one of our voluntary crop reporters from Texas.

12. DEATH, SICKNESS AND ACCIDENTS TO BE REPORTED PROMPTLY.

In order that the administrative office may be promptly advised in cases of accident, serious illness or death of our employees, either in Washington or the field, it is requested that the division leader or head clerk of the division or other employee so designated advise the Employment Manager personally by 'phone immediately upon receipt of such information. The 'phone call should then be confirmed by a special memorandum.

Such information is desired in order that the administrative offices may get in touch with the employee or family to insure that every assistance possible from the bureau is rendered to the employee or the immediate members of the family in such cases.

13. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending July 17 are:

Brown, Arthur L.

Bananas... Cambridge, Mass. [1923] Thesis- Boston university.

Chicago dairy produce.

Dairy-produce year book, 1924. Chicago, 1925.

Gt. Brit. Ministry of agriculture and fisheries.

... Report of the Committee on stabilisation of agricultural prices. London, H. M. Stationery off., 1925. (Economic series, no.2)

Greig, Sir Robert.

..."How research can aid the farmer." [n.p.] 1923.

Kansas City, Mo. Board of trade.

Annual statistical report, 1924. [Kansas City, 1925]

Macklin, Theodore.

A history of the organization of creameries and cheese factories in the United States. [Madison?] 1917. Thesis (Ph.D.)- University of Wisconsin.

Schofield, John

The wet processes of the wool industries... Huddersfield, Netherwood, Dalton & co., ltd., 1924.

South Africa. Departmental commission on transit of livestock.

... Report of a departmental commission appointed to inquire into and report upon the possibility of effecting improvements in the transit of livestock and other matters incidental to the conveyance of livestock by rail... 1923. Cape Town, Cape Times limited, 1924.

The Statesman's year-book, v.62, 1925. London, Macmillan & co., ltd., 1925.

U. S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce.

Commerce yearbook, 1924. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1925

U. S. Laws, statutes, etc.

The Federal antitrust laws with amendments... Washington, Govt.print.off., 1923.

U. S. War dept. Board of engineers for rivers and harbors.

... The ports of Gulfport and Pascagoula, Mississippi... Washington, Govt.print.off., 1925. (Port series no.19)

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14. THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION IN ROANOKE AND ITS TRADE TERRITORY is outlined in a bulletin by J. J. Vernon, of the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, and H. I. Richards, Assistant Agricultural Economist of this bureau. The bulletin was published by the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and is known as No. 240. A number of agencies and individuals cooperated in the study which dealt particularly with the adjustment of agricultural production and distribution in Roanoke's trade territory to meet home market demands.

15. THE ADDRESS OF THE BOSTON OFFICE OF FEDERAL GRAIN SUPERVISION is 703 Appraisers Stores Building. Fred L. Wallace is in charge.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Mr. Tenny represented the bureau at the opening session Monday of the American Institute of Cooperation being conducted at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Taylor is in Philadelphia today participating in the discussions.

William A. Schoenfeld and Asher Hobson were the United States delegates who attended the Twelfth International Agricultural Congress held at Warsaw, Poland, June 21-24. The main subject discussed was land policy, which is of special interest to Poland, as well as Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, in view of the clamor on one hand for the so-called Agrarian Reform and on the other, the realization that future economic existence will depend largely upon what disposition is made of the land.

Nils A. Olsen and C. W. Kitchen left for New York City early Saturday morning, driving in Mr. Kitchen's car. Yesterday and today they conferred with representatives of the bureau regarding the service and research work being conducted in New York City.

C. V. Whalin left Washington July 20 on a trip which will take him to the Pacific Coast. En route he will visit branch offices of the division at Chicago and St. Paul and will stop at Miles City, Mont., to attend a conference of the representatives of this bureau and the State agricultural colleges of Montana, Wyoming and the Dakotas who have been conducting a field study of livestock and agricultural conditions in those states. On July 31 and August 1 he will preside at a conference of the division's livestock reporters from the Pacific Coast and the Rocky Mountain markets to be held in San Francisco.

J. Clyde Marquis, Director of Economic Information, leaves for New York City tonight to hold conferences with representatives of telegraph companies concerning a new plan for distributing market news by telephone and to confer with bureau representatives on the New York Food Marketing Research Council.

H. J. Besley, in Charge of the Grain Division, has gone to Toledo, Ohio, and other points in the Middle West to confer with members of the grain trade in connection with the new oats grades.

W. F. Callander addressed the Chicago Board of Trade last Thursday concerning crop reporting methods.

Charles E. Gage returned last Tuesday from Raleigh and Richmond, where he went to discuss administrative and statistical matters with the Agricultural Statisticians of North Carolina and Virginia.

A. C. Poulton left Saturday for Philadelphia, Pa., Gastonia, N. C., Greenville, S. C., Memphis, Tenn., and Jackson, Miss., to purchase cotton to be used in the preparation of standards for length of staple.

Cecil B. Burns, of the Warehouse Division, is now in Washington to discuss the tobacco work in Kentucky. He will also take up methods of checking conditions and values of Green River Tobacco stored in licensed warehouses in the vicinity of Owensboro.

Henry T. Crosby will leave Washington Wednesday night for southern points to conduct tests of the strength and serviceability of patch material for cotton bales. He will also confer with State officials regarding the problem of gin damage to bales of cotton.

Robert W. Davis, of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, will leave next Monday for Philadelphia, Trenton and Rochester to investigate the possibility of establishing standard crates for lettuce and celery.

The Duluth Grain Supervision Office lost a well-played game of baseball to the Wisconsin Grain and Warehouse Inspection and Weighing Department last Tuesday by a score of 10 to 7. Robert S. Owens and Frank Ptcek were our batteries.

B. E. Shaffer, who is now on leave in Michigan, will go to Fayetteville, Ark., about August 10 to investigate grades for grapes, after which he will make studies in Texas with a view to formulating grades for figs. Later he will carry on his investigations in the northern grape producing sections of Michigan, Pennsylvania and New York.

William Broxton in charge of the Cold Storage Report Section left Saturday afternoon to visit cold storage plants and slaughterhouse establishments in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. He will return August 3.

Miss Bertha Henderson, of the Division of Land Economics, returned to the office Friday morning from a trip to various points in the United States where she has been studying methods used by lumber companies, land settlement companies, States and other agencies in classifying land from the standpoint of economic utilization.

Miss Edna M. Jordan of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, is spending a month's vacation touring the Pacific Coast, Yellowstone Park and the Grand Canyon.

Fred B. Simpson, Grain Sampler, has been transferred from Toledo to the St. Louis office of Federal Grain Supervision.

Raymond C. Duncan, Grain Sampler, who has been on furlough, has returned to duty at the Peoria office of Federal Grain Supervision.

Mrs. Alice Sweeney, clerk at the Boston office of Federal Grain Supervision, resigned July 15.

Michael B. Gleason, Grain Sampler at the Boston Office of Federal Grain Supervision is being transferred to Philadelphia.

We learn with regret of the death of the mother of W. H. Mosier. Mr. Mosier is in charge of the temporary field station of the Fruit and Vegetable Division at Macon, Ga. He left yesterday for his home at Columbus, Ohio.

E. G. Boerner and Mrs. Boerner left last week by motor for a vacation in the Adirondacks.

Miss Catherine C. Conley, of Federal Grain Supervision Office at Minneapolis, is being transferred to the Hay, Feed and Seed Office in the same city.

Lawrence A. Larsen, Grain Sampler at Seattle, is still on furlough and is in the Veterans' Hospital at Takoma, Wash.

Mrs. Ruth Voss, stenographer in the Division of Land Economics, died July 14 at York, Pa., after a lingering illness.

E. J. Murphy and family are spending their vacation in Maine, making the trip by motor.

Miss Sybil Clark, of the Division of Land Economics, is spending a month's vacation at her home in Des Moines, Iowa.

Mrs. Minnie E. Davis, Division of Land Economics, has gone to Indianapolis to visit her daughter, who is ill in that city.

Miss Wilma I. Hile of the Chicago Field Headquarters is still on furlough on account of illness.

Mrs. Anna B. Wiley of the Washington Office of Federal Grain Supervision is on furlough.

Mrs. A. M. B. Peake of the Grain Division underwent a major operation on July 14 at the Sanitarium at Takoma Park, Md.

Miss Susie White, of Farm Management and Costs, is spending a three-weeks' holiday at her home in Wachapreague, Va.

Miss Martha R. Ayer, also of Farm Management, is at Warren, Pa., for the month of July.

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1. NEW TYPES OF COTTON STAPLE STANDARDS APPROVED

Approval of the bureau's proposal to issue staple standards for American cotton, which will be made up of a uniform medium quality of cotton, was given at the conference held by this bureau here yesterday and attended by producers, merchants and manufacturers. Present types of the practical forms of the official standards for staple lengths now in use throughout the trade will be replaced by the new types which will become effective August 1, 1926.

The Cotton Division has been making a number of studies with a view to preparing sets of staple standards selected from a uniform quality of cotton, recognizing three qualities, namely, soft, hard and medium. As a result of these studies, the bureau recommended to the industry the use of a uniform cotton of medium character or body in the standards for length of staple. The conference approved the selection of the cotton to be used in the original representations of the standards.

Mr. Tenny presided over the meeting. A. W. Palmer, in charge of the Cotton Division, and other members of the cotton staff in Washington, took part. Representatives from our field offices included: New York, W. P. Barbot; New Orleans, J. J. Haggerty and A. C. Poulton; and Charlotte, N. C., J. G. Martin.

2. GRAIN APPEAL WORK MAKES NEW RECORD.

A total of 43,856 appeals under the grain standards act was handled by the Offices of Federal Grain Supervision during the fiscal year 1925. This number exceeds by more than 10,000 the total appeals handled during any previous year. The bulk of the appeals was for wheat, 31,815 being handled for this grain; 6,787 were for corn; 2,896 for oats; 2,201 for rye, and 157 for grain sorghum. Forty-seven per cent of the grades appealed from were changed. Of the total appeals handled, 605 were referred to the Board of Review for final grade.

Fees collected for this appeal service amounted to nearly \$50,000. This sum was turned into the U. S. Treasury as miscellaneous receipts. The sum of \$9,800 was realized from the sales of the residue of the grain samples handled in connection with the enforcement of the grain standards act.

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A complaint isn't a nuisance, it's an opportunity.

3. EGG INSPECTION WORK GROWING IN PHILADELPHIA

More than 1,000 cases of eggs were inspected by George H. Powers, Egg Inspector of the bureau at Philadelphia, during June. More than one-half of this work was for civic institutions whose contracts specified government inspection before delivery. Since July 1, Mr. Powers has been exceptionally busy handling egg inspections under cooperative agreement between the bureau and the Philadelphia Produce Exchange, whereby Mr. Powers became official inspector of eggs for that exchange.

4. BUREAU RENDERING EVERY HELP TO COOPERATIVE INSTITUTE.

The American Institute of Cooperation is devoting itself to organization and membership problems this week. Both Dr. Taylor and Mr. Christensen were on the program yesterday. Dr. Taylor spoke on "The Significance of the Cooperative Movement in the United States" while Mr. Christensen's topic was "Cooperation in Denmark".

On Thursday, Mr. Samson will discuss "Federal Standards and Inspection."

Next week, the general topic to be studied will be "Operating Methods and Management Problems." Mr. Tenny is on the program next Monday for a talk on "Historical and Interpretive View of Cooperation in the United States," and Mr. Christensen will give another lecture on Cooperation in Denmark that evening, and again on the following Monday.

Mr. McKay is in Philadelphia this week conferring regarding cooperation with many persons gathered there for the institute. Miss Gardner is also there and will assist in work incident to the sessions.

5. SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY UNDERTAKEN IN COOPERATION WITH WASHINGTON.

To discover and analyze the groupings of rural people in relation to topography, geography, lines of channels of transportation and communication, and economic and social services, a study of Whitman County, Wash., has been undertaken by the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life in cooperation with the State College of Washington. Edward Taylor, of the State College, will analyze and map Whitman County into its various socio-economic population groups and will study the historic changes in these groups during the last 30 years.

6. A SUGGESTION.

That the signatures of some of our people writing official letters are not always legible is evident from the names appearing on the letters received in reply. It seems desirable to have the name of the signer typed below the autographed signature. Where this practice has been adopted, it has been very helpful.

7. HELP OTHERS TO HELP THEMSELVES.

The Welfare Association Drive is on and the following statement shows the returns of this bureau to July 25.

Division	Number Contrib- uting	Cash Contri- butions	Amount pledged	Total Contri- bution
Agricultural Finance	6	\$ 3.50	\$	\$ 3.50
Audits and Accounts	9	7.50	2.00	9.50
Chief's Office	3	3.00		3.00
Center Market	7	8.00	2.00	10.00
Cold Storage	6	3.50	2.00	5.50
Cooperative Relations	8	7.00	1.00	8.00
Dairy Products	3	2.00	1.00	3.00
Farm Management and Costs	26	11.00	28.00	39.00
Farm Population and Rural Life	3	7.00		7.00
Fruits and Vegetables	51	33.75	21.40	55.15
Graphic	6	4.25	1.00	5.25
Grain	11	8.00	5.00	13.00
Hay Feed and Seed	8	6.25	1.00	7.25
Land Economics	1	1.00		1.00
Library	8	6.25	4.00	10.25
Live Stock, Meats & Wool	10	2.00	8.00	10.00
Machine Tab. & Computing	20	19.00	7.00	26.00
Mails and Files	1	1.00		1.00
Personnel	6	2.00	1.00	3.00
Photographic Lab.	2		3.00	3.00
Reviewing Section	4	5.50		5.50
Total to date	199	141.50	87.40	228.90

It will be noted that a number of the divisions have not, as yet, made returns.

G. W. Morrison wishes to thank those persons in each division who have been responsible for collecting these contributions, as well as those who have so generously contributed.

8. THE REASON.

Many communications of interest are received in the daily mail, but one today which seemed to come close to the heart was a single form enclosed in an envelope without letter of transmittal or explanation. It was the resignation of a girl clerk in one of our field offices. Resignations are not, of course, unusual. This one, however, told of an important coming event in the following simple words - "I am going to be married."

9. MR. ESTABROOK SENDS
GREETINGS FROM ROME.

Mr. Estabrook reports that preliminary work on the census project is progressing slowly, but satisfactorily. Mr. Hobson as chairman of a subcommittee on reorganization of the International Institute of Agriculture has been very active. The resignation of the president of the institute the first week of July necessitated a meeting of the Permanent Committee on July 16 to elect a new president.

In commenting on Miss Sherman's article in the June number of the American Bankers' Association Journal regarding the World Agricultural Census Project, Mr. Estabrook says the story is well written and will no doubt serve a useful purpose.

Rome, he says, "is a wonderful old city, full of monuments, ruins and antique objects to link up the present with the dim past of Roman history and tradition. It is a city full of light and color, art, architecture, music, and a smiling sunny people. Since my arrival early in May, the weather has been very agreeable, warm and pleasant, with cool breezes from the sea and very little rain. Morning and evening temperatures are about 74°."

Mr. Hobson left Rome early in June to make an economic survey of Poland. His family is spending the summer in France, so Mr. Estabrook is occupying the Hobson flat.

10. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending July 24 are:

Bloomfield, Daniel.

The modern executive... New York, The H. W. Wilson company, 1924. (The Modern executive's library)

British Australian wool realisation association limited.

Report and statements of account, 1924. Melbourne [1925]

Darby, W. D.

Cotton, the universal fiber... New York, Dry goods economist, 1924.

Goldenweiser, E. A.

Federal reserve system in operation. 1st ed. New York McGraw-Hill book company, inc., 1925.

National association of wool manufacturers.

Annual wool review 1924... Boston, 1925.

National canners association.

Canners directory... 1925. Washington, D. C. National canners association, 1925.

The Northwestern miller.

Advertisers' hand book no. 45. Minneapolis, 1925.

Port of New York authority.

Annual report, 1924. Albany, J. B. Lyon company, printers, 1925.

Port of New York authority.

Port authority statutes. New York city, 1925.

U. S. Interstate commerce commission. Bureau of statistics.

...Freight commodity statistics - class I steam railways in the United States, 1924. Washington, D. C., [1925]

White, Percival.

Market analysis; its principles and methods... 2d ed. New York [etc.] McGraw-Hill book company, inc., 1925.

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11. OUTLINES OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS, the revised text book by Dr. Taylor, is just off the press. In the preface of the book, it is stated "The present volume contains very much more on the subject of marketing farm products and agricultural cooperation than it was possible to include in the earlier edition. The chapters relating to farm management have been rewritten on the basis of newer and better material than was formerly available. A new chapter has been inserted on the subject of insurance. Many other chapters have been brought up to date." The final chapter is a summarization of some of the pet philosophies of the author.

Dr. Taylor acknowledges his indebtedness to a number of persons for their aid in the preparation of the volume, without which help, he says, it would have been impossible for him, with the other duties demanding his time, to have made the revisions and enlargements which characterize the work. Included in the list are: R. H. Elsworth, M. J. B. Ezekiel, C. J. Galpin, L. C. Gray, M. G. Lacy, G. F. Leonard, A. W. McKay, N. A. Olsen, W. A. Schoenfeld, C. B. Sherman, O. C. Stine, J. W. Tapp, L. S. Tenny, and H. R. Tolley.

The volume is dedicated to the memory of our late Secretary, Henry C. Wallace, and to "those other workers in the field of agricultural economics and country life problems who, in the interest of all mankind, have consecrated their lives to the task of establishing in America a rural civilization of a type higher than the world has yet known."

12. TENTATIVE U. S. STANDARD GRADES FOR FLUE-CURED TOBACCO, prepared under authority of the warehouse act, are given in a mimeographed pamphlet just released. The purpose of the pamphlet is to present in written form what represents the department's latest observations of the standards for flue cured tobacco.

13. TENTATIVE U. S. STANDARD GRADES FOR WISCONSIN TOBACCO is the title of another mimeographed pamphlet giving specifications for grading tobacco to be stored under the warehouse act.

14. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES, the address by Dr. Taylor before the members of the American Institute of Cooperation, at Philadelphia July 27, has been mimeographed.
15. GRADES for table grapes and for juice grapes, with special reference to California grapes, were revised effective July 3. Tentative grades for American (Eastern type) bunch grapes have been prepared and specifications are now available in mimeographed form.
16. THE 1924 CALIFORNIA PEAR DEAL is reviewed by C. J. Hansen and O. W. Holmes, of the San Francisco office of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, in a comprehensive summary just released.
17. THE BEEF CATTLE OUTLOOK is discussed in a five-page mimeographed circular released July 27. Miss Thomas has a supply of these releases for distribution.
18. PERIODICAL REPORTS relating to Crops, Markets and Agricultural Economics are given in an up-to-date list now available.
19. TYPE CLASSIFICATION OF AMERICAN GROWN TOBACCO has been completed by the Tobacco Section of the Warehouse Division under F. B. Wilkinson, and will soon be published by the bureau. The classification covers 29 types known by over 300 trade names.
20. NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICE for persons located in the Bieber Building during the two weeks from August 3-17 will be performed by Roger Davis, whose office is room 406, 200 Fourteenth St., N. W. D. W. Foley, Notary in the Bieber Building, will be on leave for the first two weeks in August.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU

At the request of President Kenyon L. Butterfield, Dr. C. J. Galpin will deliver two addresses at the Rural Life Conference to be held at East Lansing, Mich., July 29 and 30. The topics of Dr. Galpin's addresses will be "Movements of Population to and from Farms" and "Some Principles of Rural Leadership."

J. Clyde Marquis is on the program of the seventh annual summer meeting of Massachusetts Farm Folk at the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst July 28-31. On Thursday, July 30, he is scheduled to speak on "What is Ahead for New England Agriculture."

Mr. Marquis left Washington Saturday to drive to Massachusetts, and plans, before returning to headquarters, to take a two-weeks' vacation motoring in New England.

G. T. Willingmyre left last Saturday for Brady, Texas, to attend the annual convention of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, on July 28, 29 and 30. Mr. Willingmyre will speak on "Standardization and Marketing of Wool and Mohair."

W. F. Callander is in Geneva, N. Y., today conferring with members of the State Horticultural Society relative to a fruit survey to be made in New York. He will speak to members of the society on the use and importance of surveys to fruit growers.

Asher Hobson was elected one of the vice-presidents of the International Congress of Agriculture at its recent meeting at Warsaw, Poland. Mr. Hobson was also elected a permanent member of its governing body - the International Commission of Agriculture. In reporting upon the meeting, Mr. Hobson says that in his opinion the program of the Congress was entirely too broad. He says "The papers read and discussed were so numerous and of so great a variety as to render the resolutions passed of little or no value because of the lack of time for their consideration." Mr. Hobson believes, however, that the Congress performs a useful function in providing a medium for international personal contacts.

H. V. DeMott left Washington yesterday morning for New York City to confer with the Assistant United States Attorney regarding a pending excess wool profits case. He will also interview wool dealers in New York, Philadelphia and Lebanon, N. J.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Herbert C. Marshall in the loss of his wife. Mrs. Marshall died Saturday at a local hospital. She had been ill about a week and underwent an operation Friday. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 4 p.m. at her residence, 1867 Monroe St. Mrs. Marshall, who was Miss Mary Emma Griffith, is remembered by many of us as Assistant Librarian and Assistant Editor in the former Bureau of Markets.

Edward C. Parker, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, will leave Washington August 4 for Chicago, Green Bay, Wis., St. Paul, Minn., Omaha, Nebr., Kansas City, Mo., and Manhattan, Kans. In cooperation with B. B. Jones, In Charge of Inspection, Wisconsin Department of Markets, public hearings will be held at Green Bay and two or three other points in Wisconsin to discuss with Wisconsin hay shippers the matter of a State compulsory hay inspection law to employ United States hay standards and the Federal-State certificate inspection service now being used in Wisconsin on a permissive basis.

From August 17 to September 5, Mr. Parker will take charge of the hay inspectors' school at the bureau's laboratory in Kansas City. At Manhattan, definite arrangements will be made in cooperation with Director Umberger of the Extension Service of the Kansas Agricultural College, to conduct an extensive radio, bulletin and newspaper campaign relative to the inauguration of Federal hay inspection at Kansas City, Mo., on September 1. At the conclusion of the Kansas City hay inspectors' school, Mr. Parker plans to visit Omaha, St. Louis and other hay markets in the Middle West to discuss Federal hay inspection.

Robert W. Leffler is now in charge of the Fond du Lac, Wis., office of the Dairy and Poultry Products Division.

C. E. Gage left Sunday for points in Southern Georgia to obtain tobacco crop statistics.

K. B. Seeds of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, left Washington July 26 to spend two or three weeks in the South Atlantic States promoting and organizing the hay inspection service and in organizing publicity work with a number of the agricultural colleges and State departments of agriculture. A group of Federal hay inspectors is now being trained at a school at Auburn, Ala., in cooperation with the Alabama State Department of Agriculture, and Mr. Seeds will take charge of the training of these inspectors in the rules and regulations governing the inspection of hay and in the inspection methods of the department incidental to the use and application of United States hay standards. At Birmingham, he will spend some time assisting L. W. Stephenson, Supervising Inspector for the South Atlantic States, in the organization of the supervisory work in that territory.

Mr. Seeds will visit Atlanta, Ga., Clemson, S. C., and Memphis, Tenn., for the purpose of discussing Federal hay inspection in these States.

A. V. Swarthout is expected to return tomorrow from Mississippi and Texas where he has been studying cotton merchandising.

F. B. Wilkinson has gone to Bowling Green, Ky., to meet J. Vernon Morrow, who has been on leave at Adairville, Ky. They will conduct investigations with a view to revising the grades for the 5 types of tobacco produced in Western Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana and Illinois. They will be together in the main tobacco markets.

Cecil Burns, of the Warehouse Division, has returned to Kentucky to make examinations of tobacco warehouses in the burley section. Mr. Burns and E. Stein have been transferred from the Washington office to the field with headquarters at Louisville, Ky.

Sam T. Fleming, G. L. Morris and W. H. Rhodes are the statisticians who were in Washington last week in connection with the preparation of the report on condition and probable production of cotton released last Thursday.

Miss Olive M. Ford and Miss Esther H. Johnson, of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, are spending two weeks at Lake Elmer and Beach Haven, N. J.

Miss Elizabeth Styles, of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, has returned to her desk after a holiday spent at Niagara Falls and Canada.

Werner A. Mueller, of the Wool Section, left Saturday for a vacation to be spent at Niagara Falls and at his home at Cape Girardeau, Mo.

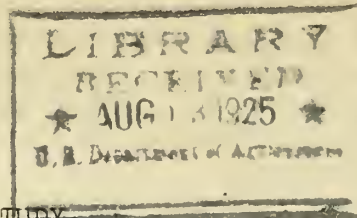
M. F. Thurston, a cooperative employee of this bureau and the New York State College of Agriculture, has been authorized to attend the convention of hay dealers being held at Cedar Point, Ohio, July 28-30.

M. A. Crosby, of the Division of Information, left Washington last Thursday for a 10-days' vacation at Ithaca, after which he will be on leave at Hart, Mich., until August 12.

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1. RETAIL MEAT DEALERS ENDORSE OUR RECENT STUDY.

The National Association of Retail Meat Dealers at its meeting at Omaha, Nebr. today passed a resolution giving unqualified approval of the manner in which the Department of Agriculture conducted the recent retail meat study and endorsed the report in every particular. W. C. Davis, of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, left Washington Sunday to attend and address the convention which is meeting August 3-6. Mr. Davis reports that the approval of the dealers was unanimous.

2. ALABAMA HAY INSPECTORS' SCHOOL IS SAID TO BE "NICE PIECE OF WORK."

From evidence contained in a letter from K. G. Baker, Marketing Specialist of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, W.H. Hosterman and L. W. Stephenson, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, have brought to a successful conclusion the school for hay inspectors conducted by them at Auburn, Ala. under a cooperative agreement with the Alabama Extension Service, the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries and this bureau. Mr. Baker says: "I wish to say that in so far as I know there has not been a single hitch in this work and we are very much pleased indeed with the course of instruction that has been given to the students in the class. I personally feel that Mr. Hosterman and Mr. Stephenson are to be congratulated on the work accomplished up to date."

In the class were M. J. Kendrick, inspector at Birmingham, R. O. Russell, Chief Inspector for Alabama, and five men who expect to be licensed as shipping point inspectors in Alabama. In addition, Prof. A.C. Burg, of the A. & M. College of Mississippi, Capt. Cushman of the U. S. Army, and several farmers took at least part of the course.

3. LIVESTOCK OPENS NEW BRANCH OFFICE.

A branch office for reporting the livestock market at Wichita, Kans. was opened in the Exchange Building at the local stockyards by the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, on August 1. W. R. Branch, of our Kansas City Office, was transferred to Wichita and placed in charge of the new office. Yesterday, Mr. Branch suffered an attack of appendicitis and underwent an operation. For the immediate present, therefore, the Wichita market is not being reported.

4. ASSISTANCE GIVEN NEW JERSEY
IN DEVELOPING EXTENSION PROGRAM.

This bureau is cooperating with New Jersey in the development of the economic basis of an agricultural extension program for that State. A. G. Waller, of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, is representing us in the work. Other cooperating agencies are: New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, Extension Division of the Agricultural College and the State Department of Agriculture.

The plan of the work includes determining the boundaries of the principal type-of-farming areas in the State by an analysis of the 1920 census data and other data available; collecting all information available on trends of production in New Jersey and others areas and analyzing it to determine the market competition that New Jersey products will have to meet in the future; re-analyzing farm management studies made in former years to determine the types of organization that paid best; revisiting a number of outstanding farmers in each type-of-farming area to determine the organization that pays best under present conditions; establishing a standard organization for a farm of typical size and type in each area, and showing conditions under which variations will pay.

5. HISTORY OF MARKET NEWS
SERVICE MAY BE PREPARED.

One of the Fruit and Vegetable field men has suggested that a concise history of the market news service be issued in mimeographed form and the Fruit and Vegetable Division is now considering preparing such a history showing the beginning and subsequent development of the market news work. This, says the Division Letter "would be of value to men who are asked to make informal talks concerning the service, or who have to write articles for the press. It should also be of considerable interest to new men, entering the service, as it would give them a background for their work and help them to understand what it is all about."

6. SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION
USED BY SOUTH CAROLINA COOPS.

Federal-State shipping point inspection is being used by the Carolina Cooperatives, Consolidated, a recently formed organization of cooperative associations. Since May 1, 15 cars of dewberries and 128 cars of peaches have been inspected for the consolidated organization.

7. ORDERS FOR CERTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS
TO HAVE SPECIAL APPROVAL.

Orders for photographs of individuals to be made by the Photographic Laboratory must be approved by Mr. Marquis or a representative of the administrative office before such photographs are made. All requests for such photographs should be accompanied with information covering the following points: Official use to be made of photographs desired; number of prints requested; and appropriation to which work is to be charged.

8. IN CONFERENCE.

There was a tired business man,
A member of that busy clan
That shields itself from prying eye
Behind that good old alibi--
 "In Conference."

Came anxious strangers by the score,
To camp outside his office door
And angrily they went their way,
For he was busy all the day--
 "In Conference."

He rested in his easy chair;
He ducked a lot of toil and care;
He smoked cigars in sweet content,
And thus his busy hours were spent
 --"In Conference."

And so he died, and at the gate
An angel bade him stand and wait,
And said to him with frowning brow,
"St. Peter's mighty busy now--
 In Conference."
 ---Exchange.

9. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending
July 30 are:

American joint committee on horticultural nomenclature, Salem, Mass.
Standardized plant names. Salem, Mass., 1924.

Canada. Dominion bureau of statistics. Internal trade division.
Prices and price indexes, 1913-1924. Ottawa, F. A. Acland,
printer, 1925.

Fisher, Irving.

The making of index numbers; a study of their varieties, test, and
reliability... 2d ed., rev. London, Sir I. Pitman and sons, ltd. [1924]
(Publications of the Pollak foundation for economic research no.1)

Fossum, P. R.

The agrarian movement in North Dakota... Baltimore, The Johns Hopkins
press, 1925. (Johns Hopkins university studies in historical and politica
science, ser. XLIII, no.1)

India. Dept. of statistics.

... Statements showing progress of the co-operative movement in India,
1923/24. Calcutta, 1925.

Liverpool corn trade association, limited.

72d annual report, 1924/25. [Liverpool, 1925]

Silk association of America.

Annual report, 52d-53d, 1923/24-1924/25. New York, 1924-25.

Wright, W. & Plenty, A. J.

Agriculture and the unemployed... London, The Labour publishing
company limited [1925]

10. MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU IN JULY.

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Office of Publications during July:

Coleman, D. A., Fellows, H. C., and Dixon, H. B.: A Study of the Methods for Making Protein Tests on Wheat. For Department Bulletin.

Ezekiel, M.: Factors Affecting Farmers' Earnings in Southeastern Pennsylvania. For Department Bulletin.

Lindquist, R. C.: Efficient and Inefficient Methods of Retailing Meats. For Department Bulletin.

Official Standards of the United States for American Cotton Linters. For Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 94.

Regulations for Inspectors and Certification of Fruits and Vegetables. For Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 93.

Regulations under United States Cotton Standards Act (Revised.) For Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 95.

Standards for Cotton Classification in the United States and Abroad. For Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 92.

Steanson, O., and Wilcox, R. H.: Cost of Producing Hogs in Iowa and Illinois, 1921-22. For Department Bulletin.

Yohe, H. S.: The Farmer and the United States Warehouse Act. For Miscellaneous Circular.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

Arner, G. B. L.: An Index Number of Net Foreign Trade in Foodstuffs. For American Statistical Journal.

Coleman, D. A., and Christie, Alfred: Some Observations on Making Ash Determinations. For Journal of Cereal Chemistry.

Irwin, H. S.: The Hay Market Situation. For Kansas City Drovers' Telegram and Others.

Sherman, Caroline B.: Farm Labor Problem. For American Bankers' Association Journal.

Sherman, Caroline B.: Fruit and Produce Auctions. For American Bankers' Association Journal.

Tenny, Lloyd S.: Universal Cotton Standards. For American Review of Reviews.

BUREAU BREVITIES

11. METHODS OF MARKETING ONIONS with occasional suggestions for improvements are described in considerable detail in Department Bulletin No. 1325 just issued. This was designed as one of the series of commodity marketing bulletins inaugurated a few years ago. Dr. A. E. Cance and G. B. Fiske are the authors. The bulletin is fully illustrated. The footnote makes mention of material and aid received by the authors from the Divisions of Statistical and Historical Research, Agricultural Finance, Agricultural Cooperation and Cost of Marketing.
12. GOOD FARM ORGANIZATION IN THE ALFALFA AND POTATO AREAS of the Yakima Valley, Washington, is reported upon by E. R. Johnson, of the Division of Farm Management and Costs of this bureau, and S. B. Nuckols, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, in a mimeographed pamphlet now available. The report briefly summarizes some of the results obtained from a farm management survey of the area, which was cooperatively conducted by the Experiment Station of the Washington State College and this bureau and the Bureau of Plant Industry, in 1922 and 1923.
13. MAKING VIRGINIA TOBACCO FARMS PROFITABLE is the title of Bulletin No. 96 of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute, prepared by A. P. Brodell, Assistant Agricultural Economist of this bureau, and C. C. Taylor, Associate Agricultural Economist of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.
14. CORN AND HOG CORRELATIONS, Department Bulletin No. 1300 by Sewall Wright, Animal Husbandman, the supply of which was exhausted before requests from some members of our force could be filled, has been reprinted. Miss Thomas has a limited supply of the reprints.
15. VISITORS to the bureau this week include: Herr Valerian Obolensky, Professor in the Agricultural High School at Moscow, and Mr. Hachiya Obama, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry of Japan, who was sent to this country by his Government for the purpose of study.
16. COLORADO PEACH DEAL, 1924 season, is summarized by R. H. Lamb in a mimeographed report recently released.
17. THE CALIFORNIA GRAPE DEAL for the season of 1924 is reviewed in a 76-page summary. C. E. Schultz and C. J. Hansen are the authors.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU

Dr. Taylor leaves this afternoon for Philadelphia to take part in the Institute of Cooperation on August 5-6. He will also attend the Dairy Trade Conference to be held this week at the University of Pennsylvania, and on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock will address the Conference on "Trends in the Dairy Industry". From August 10-12, he will take part in the Institute of Politics being held at Williamstown, Mass. On August 14, he will be at Ithaca, N. Y., where he will address the summer school students at Cornell on "The Farmer's Share in the National Income".

During the last two weeks in the month, Dr. Taylor will take a vacation, which may be spent in New England.

Lloyd S. Tenny is leaving today for Brunswick, Md., where tomorrow he will attend the outing under the auspices of the Farmers' Clubs of six adjacent towns and give an address on cooperative marketing.

Mr. Tenny is on the program for the thirtieth annual convention of the International Apple Shippers Association at Cleveland, August 11-14. He will speak on "The Service Work of the Department of Agriculture" on August 13.

W. A. Sherman will leave Wednesday for Tallahassee, Florida, to meet with the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Commissioner of the Florida State Marketing Bureau regarding the inspection of citrus fruits. This bureau now cooperates with the Florida State Marketing Bureau in the inspection of citrus for quality, condition and grade, but what is known in Florida as the "Green Fruit Law" passed by the last session of the legislature empowers the Commissioner of Agriculture to inspect fruit for maturity. It is expected that arrangements for the acid test in conjunction with inspection for quality, condition and grade will be worked out at the forthcoming conference. Under the law, the acid test will be made on fruit until November 26.

Mr. Sherman will visit Fruit and Vegetable offices at Atlanta, Cincinnati and Cleveland and will attend the meeting of the International Apple Shippers Association at Cleveland, August 11-14. He will be back in Washington on August 15.

Last Thursday and Friday, Mr. Sherman was in Philadelphia taking part in the round-table discussions of standardization, inspection and marketing of vegetables, at the American Institute of Cooperation.

L. G. Michael is at Williamstown, Mass. this week participating in the Institute of Politics. He will take part in the round-table discussions on foreign competition and demand.

A. W. Palmer, in charge of the Division of Cotton Marketing, was in New York City last Thursday and Friday arranging for better storage space for cotton samples. Sunday, he left Washington for the South to interview representatives of the cotton industry in connection with the enforcement of the cotton futures and cotton standards acts and to study cotton marketing conditions. He will visit Memphis, Greenwood, New Orleans, Houston, Oklahoma City, Little Rock, and St. Louis, in the ten days he will be absent from headquarters.

Dr. C. J. Galpin will take part in the discussions on "Some Rural Social Problems in the United States" at the Institute of Politics at Williamstown, Mass., August 13.

Edwin Smith is sailing from Liverpool for the United States on Thursday, August 6 on the S. S. America. Mr. Smith is returning to aid shippers in the fruit industry in this country to adjust their export practices to meet better the requirements of the European market. He will also confer with representatives of the bureau in outlining plans for new work in the foreign field.

Roy C. Potts, R. R. Slocum and Henry G. F. Hamann will take an active part in the seventeenth annual meeting of the American Association of Instructors and Investigators in Poultry Husbandry, to be held at the Kansas State Agricultural College, August 10-15. On August 12, Mr. Potts will speak on "The Present Status of National Egg Standardization", and he will be followed on the program by Mr. Slocum and Mr. Hamann who will give a demonstration of U. S. standard egg grades. On August 13, Mr. Slocum will discuss "Egg Consumption in the United States".

Mr. Potts left this morning for Philadelphia to attend the dairy marketing sessions of the American Institute of Cooperation. He will then proceed to Jefferson City, Mo. to take up with the Bureau of Markets and the Missouri Farmers' Association the possibility of establishing shipping-point inspection on eggs in that State. After the Manhattan meeting, he will visit points in Minnesota and Wisconsin regarding the inspection service on butter and cheese.

Mr. Slocum will attend a conference of agricultural extension workers in Fayetteville, Ark. and demonstrate the tentative egg standards. At Columbia, Mo., he will confer with officials of the State Agricultural College and the Missouri Farmers' Association regarding an investigation of feeding and fleshing poultry at packing plants.

Mr. Hamann is stopping at Manhattan en route from Tulsa, Okla., where he has been serving as Federal-State Egg Inspector, to his permanent headquarters in New York City.

Last Friday, Miss Veda B. Larson, of the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, reported for duty as usual, EXCEPT that she wore a diamond on the appropriate finger of the left hand. She admits that Howard A. Turner, of the Division of Land Economics, is the man in the case. No date has been set for the wedding.

G. O. Gatlin and R. H. Elsworth have returned from Philadelphia where they attended a number of the sessions of the Institute of Cooperation. Miss Grace Wanstall will be in Philadelphia for the remainder of the week assisting in work incident to the sessions.

B. R. Oastler, formerly in charge of our Atlanta, Ga. cotton office, and now with the Chicago Board of Trade with headquarters at Houston, Texas, attended the cotton staple standards conference called by the bureau last week and visited old friends in the bureau.

Frank Reed, of the Cotton Division, may be found this week fishing in the waters of Chesapeake Bay, just off Shady Side, Md.

Mordecai Ezekiel, Assistant Agricultural Economist, will go to Philadelphia next week to confer with officials of cooperative dairy organizations in connection with a study of the demand for fluid milk. He will also attend the sessions of the Institute of Cooperation when milk prices will be discussed.

Charles E. Gage, who has just returned from a trip to Georgia and South Carolina, reports that the farmers of both States are apparently well pleased with prices being paid for tobacco. He says that the production of tobacco in Georgia is increasing rapidly and it has already assumed an important place as a cash crop in the southern half of the State. In 1924 there were only 19 auction warehouses in the State for handling the crop, while this year there are 43.

F. J. Hughes was in New York City last Thursday and Friday consulting with the Personnel Director of The National City Bank for the purpose of studying the personnel problems of that organization. With Mr. Palmer he made arrangements for the rental of better storage space for cotton samples in New York.

Miss Annie L. Murray, of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, has returned to her desk from a two-weeks vacation spent at North Beach, Md.

A. L. Thomas, Telegrapher, is expecting to leave today for a vacation at his home in Burlington, N. C., after which he will report to Rochester, N. Y. to take charge of the radio telegraphic work at that point in connection with the collection and distribution of market information on fruits and vegetables.

W. C. Hauck, who is at home at Columbus, Ohio, recuperating from the operation he underwent several weeks ago, is expected to return to duty August 11.

We regret to learn of the death on August 2 of the father of Miss Nannie B. Cox, of our Kansas City Livestock Office.

W. L. Evans is at his former home at Lee Center, N. Y. He and his family motored there last week to spend their vacation.

Miss Leota Laughlin, of the Telegraphic Section, is back at her desk after a holiday in Buffalo, N. Y.

D. W. Foley, Head Clerk of the Division of Information, is spending a two-weeks vacation at Colonial Beach, Va.

The Cold Storage Report Section welcomed the return today of Miss Mary C. Sullivan who has been sojourning at Atlantic City.

Miss Mildred H. Niles, Head Clerk of the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, is enjoying a stay at Lake Sunapee, N. H.

Portland, Ore. is now the headquarters of John F. Travis, Grain Sampler. Mr. Travis was formerly connected with our Spokane, Wash. office.

Lester Monahan, Messenger in the Chicago Livestock office, who has been on leave for the past few weeks on account of an injury, returned to duty August 3.

Miss Edith Warren, of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, who recently underwent an operation on her throat is still confined to her home.

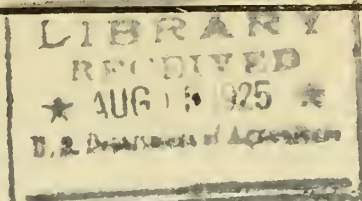
William E. Dent is now acting in charge of the Houston, Texas Office of the Cotton Division.

Louis H. Bean, has been authorized to proceed from New York to Philadelphia to secure information from the editorial offices of the Farm Journal and the Country Gentleman relative to available data on farmers' purchases. He will come to Washington for conference and then return to New York City.

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1. IMPROVED MARKETING METHODS BRING RESULTS, REPORT SHOWS.

What may be noted as a triumph in the scientific handling, storing, and transporting apples from the Pacific Coast to England, is reported upon by Edwin Smith in a recent release. Arriving in Glasgow after the 1925 apple crop from Australia and New Zealand had been practically cleaned up, a carload of 1924 American Winesaps sold on July 28 for prices that ruled higher than the average received for the fresh crop. The secret of this splendid condition of the shipment at this late season, Mr. Smith says is embodied with the observance of the scientific handling of the fruit from the time it was picked from the trees until it was discharged on the quay at Glasgow, nearly 8,000 miles distant. Details regarding this attempt at extending the marketing season for American apples in export markets are given in Mr. Smith's report.

2. LIVESTOCK PROBLEMS DISCUSSED AT SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE.

Problems connected with work of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division in its market news service, standardization and research efforts, particularly those having a direct bearing on the livestock industry in the western range and Pacific Coast States, were discussed at a two-days conference held in the assembly room of the State Harbor Commission, Ferry Building, San Francisco, Calif., on July 31 and August 1. The conference was favored by the presence and assistance of G. H. Hecke, Director of Agriculture in California, R. N. Hagen, Secretary of the California Cattle-men's Association, W. P. Wing, Secretary of the California Wool Growers Association, H. N. Hobart of the Federal Reserve Bank, Berkeley, Mr. Shearer of the Division of Rural Institutions, University of California, and two representatives of the Crop and Livestock Estimates Division, - E. E. Kaufman, California State Statistician, and George A. Scott, Regional Statistician with headquarters at Salt Lake City. The Livestock, Meats and Wool Division was represented by C. V. Whalin, In Charge, Washington, D.C.; E. W. Baker, Kansas City; H. W. French, Denver; F. R. Sawyer, Salt Lake City; I. W. Pew, Portland; W. W. Wofford, Los Angeles; and W. E. Schneider, San Francisco.

3. BUREAU ASSISTING NEW HAMPSHIRE IN CONSUMER-DEMAND STUDY.

Demand for homegrown and shipped-in farm products in New Hampshire is being studied by the New Hampshire Experiment Station in cooperation with this bureau, according to word from Jesse W. Tapp, Associate Agricultural Economist at our Boston office and Secretary of the New England Research Council.

The production, consumption and marketing of dairy products, eggs, fowl, hay, fruits and vegetables will be studied and data on the consumption and marketing of these products within the State will be assembled for all the important markets in the State. The 1925 census data are being summarized according to towns by the Census Bureau in cooperation with the State Department of Agriculture and this together with available farm management records and additional data to be collected from farmers will provide a basis for a study of the agriculture of the different regions in relation to the needs of nearby markets. H. I. Richards, of the Division of Farm Management and Costs of this bureau, will assist in the study. Mr. Tapp and Mr. Richards were in Durham, N. H., last Tuesday and Wednesday formulating plans for the study.

4. MR. HOBSON.



This is Asher Hobson as he is seen by a Polish cartoonist. The sketch with a number of others of delegates who attended the Twelfth International Agricultural Congress held at Warsaw, Poland, in June, appears in a paper known as "Rzeczpospolita Nr. 173".

It will be remembered that Mr. Hobson is the Delegate of the United States to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, and a Collaborator of this bureau.

5. COTTON CLASSING SESSIONS SAID TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

George Butterworth, who recently returned from the South, reports very satisfactory cotton grading schools at Clemson College and the Oklahoma A. & M. College. Mr. Butterworth gave demonstrations in the application of the universal cotton standards. At Clemson College, about 20 persons took the course, while at Oklahoma, 140 students, including the Oklahoma State grader and four of the classers of the Oklahoma Cotton Growers Association, took the work.

Mr. Butterworth is on vacation until August 15, when he leaves the bureau on a six-months furlough to enter the employ of the American Cotton Growers Exchange.

6. OFFER RECEIVED FOR PUBLICATION OF PROPOSALS WITHOUT COST.

The Editor of the Army and Navy Courier, 630-634 Main Ave., San Antonio, Texas, has advised the department of his intention to commence shortly the publication of a bi-weekly issue devoted exclusively to the publication of circular proposals for supplies, materials, etc., for the various departments of the Government. The matter is brought to the attention of officers in that section of the country who may have occasion to secure field bids so that they may be informed of this means whereby broader advertising of their needs may be had without cost.

7. COOPERATION ASKED TO KEEP
DOWN TELEGRAPHIC CHARGES

In a memorandum to division leaders, C. W. Kitchen, Business Manager says:

"The telegraph bills of this bureau represent a very large expenditure. It is understood from the very nature of a considerable portion of our work, that this expense will be heavy, but this makes it advisable to exercise the greatest care to see that the messages are carefully and properly prepared in order that no extra words are used.

"It is desired that this feature of our work be given special attention to see whether the expense cannot be materially reduced. This can be brought about by careful selection of words and the elimination of any words not needed to express clearly the thought desired to be conveyed. It is well also to consider upon receipt of a telegram whether a reply is required or called for by wire. In many cases, in fact in the majority of cases, especially where the distance is not great, a reply by mail will reach the party desiring the information in adequate time. This point should be constantly borne in mind. Each case should be weighed carefully, and if the particular question involved is not pressing, so that it does not require an immediate answer, the matter should be handled promptly by means of a letter.

"The cooperation of all those in the bureau who handle correspondence is requested in this matter."

8. OLD MANILA ENVELOPES
SHOULD BE DISCARDED.

The Post Office Department has called attention to one or two instances in which communications have been sent out by this bureau in manila envelopes of poor quality. The sample envelope submitted bears the Bureau of Markets return card in the upper left-hand corner which indicates that it is about five years old. Manila paper will greatly deteriorate over a period of five years and consequently envelopes bearing the old Bureau of Markets return card are unfit for transmission through the mail and should be destroyed.

9. THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

"The apparent routine way in which probationary reports are handled," says Mr. Tenny "has raised the question as to whether or not we are really giving full consideration to the fact that the first six months' service of a new appointee is a 'probationary period' and that during these six months we should fully determine whether or not the appointee is equipped for the assignment upon which he has entered and should have some idea of his potential usefulness and possible value to the organization." Mr. Tenny has asked division leaders to consider seriously this question and in cases of doubt the desirability of retaining employees should be discussed in detail with the Employment Manager.

16. BUREAU TO TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION
TO ELIMINATE UNDESIRABLE ELIGIBLES.

The importance of securing the proper type of men for our service is emphasized by Mr. Tenny in a memorandum addressed to division leaders. Mr. Tenny says in part:

"During the past year we have been greatly embarrassed at times by having on our Civil Service registers eligibles whose qualifications did not meet the requirements of the vacancies which it was desired to fill. This situation has developed possibly through two ways: First, the requirements for the various positions were not specific enough to eliminate undesirable candidates. An effort is being made, in cooperation with the Civil Service Commission, to see that the announcements of examinations for appointments in our bureau more clearly specify the requirements we desire in an eligible. Second, a review of some of the examination papers indicates that the representative of the bureau working with the Civil Service Commission's representative probably has not exercised sufficient care to see that the technical phase of the work involved was properly covered by the applicant for examination. The commission is asking our cooperation in the consideration of applications for examinations in our various technical and scientific grades because it desires our advice on technical and scientific points. I do not feel that we have been giving this matter as careful attention as we should within the bureau. Hereafter I am going to ask the Employment Manager to arrange for the division leaders in our respective divisions personally to rate examination papers in the technical and scientific grades with the Civil Service Commission representative. Wherever it is impracticable for the division leader to sit in with the commission's representative on these matters, a memorandum should be addressed to the Employment Manager advising who will be detailed in place of the division leader, which memorandum should be returned approved before the person so designated substitutes for the division leader in this matter."

11. ONE-WAY TRAFFIC.

Slam! Bang! is the tune to which the squeaking screen doors in the Bieber Building now shut. Heretofore all doors swung in or out but now they have been changed to one-way doors by the placing of stops on the corridor side of the door frame which prevents doors from swinging into the corridors and incidentally from striking unwary passers-by.

One night recently when J. C. Gilbert locked the inside door of his room, he forgot that the screen door would not open into the corridor and the next morning when he attempted to enter his room, the screen door could only be pushed against the locked inner door. However, with a little skillful maneuvering, he managed to get in.

Miss Mayme Parker says that under the old order of things it was always the other fellow who was hit but now if you forget that the door does not swing out, you go up against it with a feeling of regret. She knows from experience!

12. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending August 6 are:

American national live stock association.

Proceedings of the 28th annual convention, Jan. 14, 15, '16, 1925. [Denver, 1925]

Association of British chambers of commerce.

The Chambers of commerce atlas... A systematic survey of the world's trade, economic resources & communications... Edited by George Philip & T. Swinborne Sheldrake. London, G. Philip & son, ltd.; Liverpool, Philip, son & nephew. ltd., 1925.

Jones, W.D. & Whittlesley, D. S.

An introduction to economic geography... Chicago, University of Chicago press [1925] v.1. Natural environment as related to economic life.

Keynes, J. M.

The economic consequences of the peace... New York, Harcourt, Brace and Howe, 1920.

Kock, M. H. de.

Selected subjects in the economic history of South Africa... Cape Town and Johannesburg, Juta & co., ltd., 1924.

Kyrk, Hazel.

A theory on consumption... Boston and New York, Houghton Mifflin company, 1923. (Hart, Schaffner and Marx prize essays, 35)

Minnesota. Dairy and food department.

Minnesota creameries, cheese, ice cream and canning factories, 1924. St. Paul, [1925]

Rice millers' association.

Preliminary estimate rice acreage, 1925. New Orleans, 1925.

Smith, D. H.

An economic geography of Europe... London, New York [etc.] Longmans, Green and co., 1925.

Trade union congress. British delegation to Russia and Caucasia.

Russia; the official report of the British trades union delegation to Russia and Caucasia Nov. and Dec., 1924. London, Trades union congress general council 1925.

U. S. Dept. of commerce. Bureau of the census.

... Cotton production in the United States. Crop of 1924. Washington, Govt.print.off., 1925.

BUREAU PREVIEWIES

13. COST OF PRODUCING COTTON IN FIFTEEN SELECTED AREAS is reported upon by Lewis E. Long and C. R. Swinson, both of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, in a mimeographed pamphlet. The study is based on 777 records collected in 15 areas extending from Johnson County, N. C., to Lubbock County, Texas. The records are for the crop year 1923. It is stated in the report "Because of the diversity of soil, climate and cultural methods in the several areas, no average figures for the Cotton Belt as a whole are given. The average figures for the several areas are presented in such a manner that each may be studied as a separate unit."
14. AUTHORS THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT have been notified that in future the department wishes to refer to the territory covered by certain studies, etc., in the following order according to size of territory under consideration: Region, area, section, district, locality. Editors in the department are editing manuscripts now in hand to agree with this decision and authors are asked to observe this ruling in writing, hereafter.
15. SUMMARY OF NEW YORK LETTUCE AND MISCELLANEOUS VEGETABLES, 1924 and past seasons is given by A. E. Prugh in a mimeographed report issued this week. In addition to lettuce, the summary contains statistical information on carrots, green peas, dry beans, cauliflower, cucumbers, tomatoes and mixed vegetables.
16. TRENDS IN THE DAIRY INDUSTRY, the address given by Dr. Taylor before the Dairy Trade Conference at Philadelphia last Thursday evening, is now available in mimeographed form. Miss Thomas has a supply of copies.
17. COLORADO PEAR DEAL, season 1924, is another summary recently prepared by R. H. Lamb.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU

Mr. Tenny is in Cleveland attending the annual convention of the International Apple Shippers Association.

Assistant Secretary Dunlap attended the luncheon and meeting of the Federal Business Association at Chicago on August 5. He also visited a number of the department offices at that time.

Nils A. Olsen, Assistant Chief, left Washington last night for the Middle West. He will confer with college and grain marketing people in the wheat States in regard to the various research programs in grain marketing. These conferences will be held at Chicago, Minneapolis, Ames, Omaha, and perhaps at other points. Mr. Olsen will take annual leave at his farm in Herscher, Ill. He expects to return to Washington about September 1.

H. F. Pitts is spending this week at Woodcliffe-on-Hudson, N. J.

Chris L. Christensen, who is in Philadelphia this week at the Institute of Cooperation, will visit New York and Boston before returning to Washington about the middle of next week. He will interview prospective appointees for positions in the Division of Agricultural Cooperation and will confer with officials of farmers' marketing organizations regarding cooperation.

A. W. McKay, Division of Agricultural Cooperation, will go to Burlington and Essex Junction, Vt., on August 20 to confer with directors of the Vermont Maple Products Cooperative Exchange with reference to operation and organization problems. On August 24 he will proceed to Athens, Ga., to deliver two addresses before the marketing school of the University of Georgia being held for extension workers, county agents and field men of the commodity cooperative associations. One address will be on "Principles of Cooperative Marketing" and the other, an illustrated lecture on "Agricultural Cooperation in Denmark."

C. W. Hauck, who has been at his home in Columbus for about two months, returned to duty today. He expects to leave Washington Thursday or Friday for Sacramento, Calif., where he will ascertain how our grape grades are being interpreted by producers and shippers in the grape district. Later, he will visit the important inspection offices throughout the country with a view to correlating the interpretations of the inspectors and those of shippers.

Foster F. Elliott has been appointed as an Associate Agricultural Statistician in the Division of Farm Management and Costs. Mr. Elliott will work on the analysis of the fundamental economic factors controlling the supply, demand and price of various agricultural products, and the way in which farmers can use this information to adjust better their production to the demands of consumers. He will also work on the systems of farming in various areas to determine how farmers in these areas can most profitably keep abreast of the changing economic conditions which affect their returns.

Besides undergraduate work at Kentucky, Mr. Elliott has done graduate work at Illinois, Harvard and Wisconsin and has only his thesis left to complete to finish his work for the degree of Ph. D. for which he has already passed preliminary examinations at Wisconsin.

Mr. Elliott has been doing farm management and farm organization work for the University of Illinois for 2-1/2 years and has spent the last half year in economic research in connection with the butter tariff hearings for the National Milk Producers Federation.

Miss Marjorie Bool, Clerk in the Foreign Crop Records Unit of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, died at her home in Ithaca, N. Y., August 1. Miss Bool had been on leave without pay since June 2 on account of illness.

After 4 years of efficient service in the bureau, Miss Georgia B. Hazlett, Head Clerk of the Division of Agricultural Finance, has tendered her resignation to take effect not later than September 1. Miss Hazlett has accepted a position with a local law firm. Our best wishes go with her.

Miss M. A. Kelly, of the Washington Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, enjoyed a pleasant week-end at Norfolk and Virginia Beach.

J. F. Pevare, in charge of Property and Supplies, is on a two-weeks' vacation at Boston and at his former home near Concord, N. H.

Dr. D. A. Coleman left Saturday for Minneapolis, Duluth and Superior, to assist the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin in establishing protein laboratories.

Miss Mary G. Lacy, Librarian, returned to her desk last Friday after her extended trip to the Northwest. At Seattle, the second week of July, she acted as chairman of the Agricultural Libraries Section of the American Library Association. En route east she visited Canadian Provincial Departments of Agriculture and the agricultural library at the University of Minnesota and the one at the State College of Michigan.

Miss Grace F. Leonard and Miss Katherine C. Joyce are planning to leave the latter part of this week for a vacation at York Harbor, Me. Miss Joyce will also visit at her former home at Clinton, Mass.

Bernard O. Weitz, Division of Land Economics, who was called to New York City on August 2, because of the death of his father, returned to the office yesterday.

The following members of the Division of Land Economics are enjoying vacations: Miss Nellie Burkhardt, at Ozark, Ohio; Miss Mamie I. Herb, Snyderstown, Pa.; Miss Margaret Charters, Washington Court House and Columbus, Ohio; E. O. Wooton, Wildwood, N. J.; Mrs. Lois T. Green, Wellsboro, Pa.; Mrs. Rose E. Perkins, Ocean City, Md.; and Margaret L. Hall, North Augusta, Ga.

E. J. Way left last night for Chicago to confer with officers at General Field Headquarters of the Grain Division relative to the handling of certain statistics by the use of Hollerith tabulating machines.

Word has just been received that Mrs. May A. Boston, Clerk in the Chicago Fruit and Vegetable Office, died on August 10.

Mrs. Elsie Sollers, of the Photographic Laboratory, is enjoying a stay at Mahopac Lake, N. Y.

Miss Violet Heinson, Division of Information, is spending August at her home in Portland, Me.

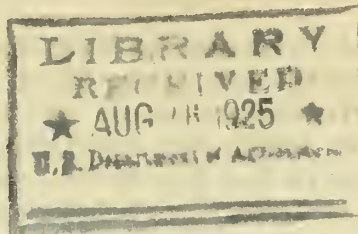
Mrs. H. M. West, Head Clerk of the Division of Land Economics, attended the marriage of her sister, Miss Marian Moffat, to Alfred Ray Thomson, in Washington last Wednesday. Mr. Thomson is an American Consul to England and the couple will be located at the American Consulate, Bradford, England.

Miss Adelaide Clements, Division of Land Economics, resigned August 13 because of ill health, after several years of faithful service.

THE B. A. E. NEWS.

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1. NEW ORLEANS AGRICULTURAL SURVEY NEARING COMPLETION.

The peak load of work is on in the agricultural survey of the New Orleans trade area, according to B. H. Critchfield, who is directing the survey.

Field work in the rice area of Southwest Louisiana was completed August 4. One hundred thirty-two farms were visited and records secured of their business operations for the last cropping season. This included "out of pocket" expenses, cash income, and the labor demands for each farm. The data have been tabulated and the tables have been sent to our Computing Section here for computation and summarization. W. D. Smith, our Rice Marketing Specialist, cooperated in this study.

The field study of the Brookhaven, Miss., dairy, trucking and general farming section has also been completed.

Field work in progress includes a survey of the cotton and truck areas in Mississippi. The highly specialized trucking areas of both Louisiana and Mississippi will also be surveyed, according to present plans, but not until the work in the staple crop sections is completed.

The consumption and distribution survey in New Orleans is progressing slowly, according to reports. Much detailed record taking is involved, but this is being completed even more rapidly than anticipated.

2. CONFERENCE OF STATISTICIANS TO BE HELD AT ST. PAUL.

Statisticians for Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Montana will meet with J. A. Becker of the Washington office of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates at St. Paul, August 25, to discuss railroad and warehouse checks on the spring wheat estimates. The Statisticians who will represent their respective States are: Paul H. Kirk, Minnesota; H. O. Herbrandson, North Dakota; O. L. Dawson, South Dakota; and J. G. Diamond, Montana.

3. USE OF HAY STANDARDS TO BE PROMOTED BY EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS.

Five meetings at various points in central Alabama will be held this week by this bureau in cooperation with the Alabama Extension Service and the Alabama Department of Agriculture. The purpose of the meetings is to acquaint producers of hay in central Alabama with the Federal standards for Johnson and alfalfa hay and to encourage the use of the service of the five-shipping point inspectors recently licensed by this bureau.

4. MR. SMITH RETURNS; PLANS WORK FOR COMING SEASON.

An intimate association with the fruit markets of Europe over a period of nine months has given Edwin Smith, who returned to Washington yesterday, a vivid impression of the relative greater importance of the commerce in fresh fruits and vegetables in the United States over this phase of commerce in the Old World. This, he states, is not because the older civilization likes fruit less but is directly traceable to our placing perishables before consumers in a fresher and more edible state during longer marketing seasons throughout the year. Scientific methods of production, standardized grades and packages, conservation through handling and refrigeration and a degree of marketing efficiency that returns fruit and vegetable growers a margin of profit are the real reasons why American consumers have a greater assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables continually before them and why they are greater consumers of this type of food than are the people of Europe.

Good European Apple Demand Expected.

Present indications are that Europe may absorb as many American and Canadian apples this year as last, Mr. Smith says. While it is true that the English apple crop is better both as to quantity and quality than in 1924, yet it is scarcely more than half a full crop and the varieties that show the best promise are cooking varieties. The continental crop is very short and will scarcely be a factor in the deal.

In summing up his apple studies, Mr. Smith again emphasizes that to expand their markets abroad American growers must work for: Constant and adequate supplies; Less waste and lower costs to the consumer; and Better quality upon arrival.

"In every European country the pear crop is one of the smallest on record. No doubt pear prices will be sufficiently high to attract some of the harder American varieties.

"The economic situation remains unchanged. But little difference can be seen between the different countries when it comes to the buying power of the working people. Compared to Americans, they all receive niggardly wages. Unemployment is possibly worse in England than in any other country."

Grapefruit, a Sensation in Great Britain.

One of the topics of conversation among members of the fruit trade in Great Britain relates to the tremendous strides made during the past year by grapefruit in the British Isles, Mr. Smith reports. It has jumped, he says, from one of the rare exotic fruits seen only in large centers to a regular article of trade, stocked by all progressive wholesalers and most retailers.

Mr. Smith is now holding conferences with officials of this bureau as well as members of other bureaus of the department, particularly Plant Industry, with a view to formulating plans for the coming season.

5. MR. EDLER REPORTS UPON
ALFALFA SEED INSPECTION TRIP.

G. C. Edler, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, returned to Washington on Saturday from an extensive trip to the Middle and Far West. He and H. L. Westover, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, were the department representatives on an alfalfa seed inspection trip arranged for by a cooperative seed selling organization. The party visited the Uintah Basin and Millard County districts in Utah, the largest alfalfa seed producing districts in the world, and the Twin Falls and Blackfoot districts in Idaho. Over 60% of the world's supply of certified Grimm alfalfa seed is produced in the Blackfoot district. Local chambers of commerce, commercial clubs, etc., provided automobiles and entertainment for the party of 20 - 25 persons.

Prior to this trip Mr. Edler obtained much information relative to the kind of stock records that are being kept by seedsmen and cooperative organizations. With few exceptions, he says, the identity of every lot of seed purchased by large seedsmen and by the two largest cooperative seed organizations is carefully preserved from the time the seed is purchased by them until it reaches the small dealer who sells direct to the farmer. A uniform system of stock records with proper supervision may offer the best solution to protect the buyer against mislabeling of seed shipments as to origin (of production) or kind.

6. REPORT ON ATTENDANCE
AT MEETINGS REQUESTED.

Each person attending a meeting is requested to submit upon his return a report to the executive office covering the following points:

1. Name of association or organization holding the meeting.
2. Place and date of meeting.
3. Approximate number of persons present.
4. The nature or the purpose of the meeting.
5. Subject of address, if any, delivered by person reporting.
6. General comments on the meeting as to what transpired and any matters of interest discussed affecting directly or indirectly the work of this bureau.

These reports, if handled promptly, will take a very short time and they will materially assist the administrative office in keeping in touch with the field work of the bureau. Mr. Tenny says we must not forget that the bureau is a large organization, and while it is not desired to build up unnecessary red tape in connection with the administrative work, after all it is important that those working in the administrative office keep a clear picture of the work being done by the different divisions. The reports should be brief - not over one page in length.

In accordance with existing regulations, approval of the Secretary for attendance at meetings will be obtained. Mr. Fitts handles the requests for permission to attend meetings. Memorandums to Mr. Fitts should carry a sufficient amount of data as to the nature of the meetings and the character of the talk to be given so that a clear picture of the advisability of approving the request may be had.

7. ECONOMY IN PURCHASING.

Automobile accessories and other hardware used in grain supervision work, and many incidentals, such as soap, matches, etc. have been purchased by the Minneapolis Office of Federal Grain Supervision for several years at a discount of from 25 to 35% from retail prices. This applies to oil for lubricating purposes in the trucks and also for use in the moisture machines. R. C. Miller, Grain Supervisor, reports that the oil companies have even delivered 5 gallon lots at barrel prices, which is considered a big concession.

8. DIVISION OF INFORMATION TO BE ADVISED OF MEETINGS.

The practice of advising the Division of Information whenever any meeting of importance is contemplated or announced should be continued says Mr. Tenny in a recent memorandum addressed to division leaders. "The Division of Information should have the facts regarding any meeting prior to the time it convenes. This may be done by a memorandum addressed to Mr. Marquis, the Director. If a particular meeting is of a private nature this fact should be made known to Mr. Marquis and it will be treated accordingly. However, in order that the subject may be covered adequately, the notice should be sent in all cases."

9. ASSOCIATE AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST EXAMINATIONS ANNOUNCED.

Open competitive examinations for Associate Agricultural Economist (Agricultural History) at \$3,000 a year, and Associate Agricultural Economist (Farm Finance) at \$3,000 a year will be held by the Civil Service Commission to fill vacancies in this bureau. Competitors will not be required to report for examination at any place. Receipt of applications will close September 29.

Duties of the Associate Agricultural Economist (Agricultural History) will be to conduct research in economic history of agriculture which involves the collection of data in the field with reference to history of agriculture, establishing contacts with persons who have farm records containing historical information, and searching the libraries of State capitols, agricultural colleges, etc. for data relative to the subjects under investigation; and organizing and analyzing data and writing reports on the history of the livestock industry and agriculture in general and specific agricultural commodities in a given locality.

Duties of the Associate Agricultural Economist (Farm Finance) will be to conduct and supervise research work in the field of farm finance, involving questions of taxation, insurance and credit as related to and affecting the agricultural industry. The duties of a position now vacant in the bureau will be to conduct and supervise research work in the field of rural credit, involving the consideration of credit problems in the production and marketing of agricultural products.

10. BOWLERS ATTENTION!

Arrangements for the coming bowling season, which will open about the latter part of September, should be made in the near future. With a view to getting the leagues organized, captains, or their representatives, of the men's teams are asked to meet with E. E. Barber in room 411, Bieber Building, at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Each Captain of a women's team should report to Miss E. C. Jordan, room 424 Bieber Building, as to whether or not her division will have a team in the league this year and if so, the names of the players.

Every member of the bureau who is interested in bowling is cordially invited to join in the sport this winter with one of the bureau's teams. Names of prospective players should be sent to Miss Jordan or to Mr. Barber of the Section of Property and Supplies.

11. TWIN CITIES FEDERAL
ASSOCIATION HOLDS PICNIC.

Members of the staff at St. Paul and Minneapolis with their families and friends spent a very enjoyable afternoon, Saturday, August 8, at Como Park, St. Paul. It is reported that approximately 100 attended the picnic held by the Federal Business Men's Association. The main feature of the athletic program was a kitter ball game between Minneapolis and St. Paul in which the latter team cleaned up with a score of something like 20 to 5.

12. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending August 14 are:

Akagi, R.H.

The town proprietors of the New England colonies; a study of their development, organization, activities and controversies, 1620-1770... Philadelphia, Press of the University of Pennsylvania, 1924. Thesis (Ph D.) - University of Pennsylvania.

Annuaire général de la France et de l'étranger, 1925. Paris, Librairie Larousse, 1925.

Commercial fertilizer year book, 1925. Atlanta, Ga., Walter W. Brown publishing company [1925]

Fordham, Montague & Fordham, T.R.

The English agricultural labourer 1300-1925. London. The Labour publishing company limited, [1925]

International federation of master cotton spinners' and manufacturers' associations.

... List of delegates and programme of the twelfth International cotton congress, Vienna, June, 1925. Manchester, [1925]

Pearson, E.L.

Organization and management in the flour milling industry ... London, New York [etc.], Sir I. Pitman & sons, ltd., 1925.

BUREAU BREVITIES

13. A SIMPLE TEST FOR DETERMINING THE OIL CONTENT OF FLAXSEED AND Linseed Meal is outlined by D. A. Coleman and H. C. Fellows, of the Chemical Research Laboratory of the Grain Division, in a mimeographed report revised and issued this month. Miss Thomas, of Information, has copies for distribution.
14. MR. TENNY'S ADDRESS before the American Institute of Cooperation on August 3, entitled "A Historical and Interpretive View of Cooperation in the United States" is now available in mimeographed form.
15. SPECIFICATIONS FOR UNITED STATES GRADES issued during the past week include: Grades for Shelled Runner Peanuts (1925); grades for Shelled White Spanish peanuts (1925); Tentative grades for Grapes (1925) packed in sawdust or other packing material; and revised grades for Bermuda Onions.
16. "GRAIN CLEANERS IN HEAVY DOCKAGE AREAS", the address delivered by R. H. Black at the Chicago meeting, December 1924 of the Farm Power and Machinery Division of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, is printed as the main feature of the August issue of the Agricultural Engineering Journal.
17. MICHIGAN ONION DEAL, seasons 1923-24 and 1924-25, is the title of the summary prepared by R. H. Shoemaker and now available.
18. WESTERN NEW YORK ONION DEAL, season 1924-25, by A. E. Prugh, is another summary released this week.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

H. J. Besley and E. J. Murphy, of the Grain Division, left Washington August 18 for Chicago and other points in the Middle and South West in connection with the operation of new Federal grades for feed oats and mixed feed oats, effective September 1, 1925.

W. F. Callander left last night for New York and New England to get the fruit survey work under way.

Dr. W. J. Spillman was at Ithaca, N. Y. last Tuesday and made two addresses at the summer school. One talk dealt with the distribution of types of farming and the other was an economic analysis of the dairy industry.

Dr. Spillman left last Friday for Colorado, where in cooperation with the State Agricultural College he will make a study of Northwestern Colorado from the standpoint of its adaptability to the dairy industry. On August 24, he will speak before the Chamber of Commerce at Denver on "The Future of Colorado's Agriculture". Later he will go to North Dakota to cooperate with the North Dakota College of Agriculture in the preparation of a bulletin on types of farming in the State.

M. R. Cooper, Division of Farm Management and Costs, left Saturday for his home at McConnelville, Ohio to spend a three-weeks vacation.

C. E. Gage, E. E. Kaufman and S. D. Fessenden, drove through the apple section of Winchester, Va. last Wednesday to look over the condition of the crop and to learn about prospects and the progress growers are making in production, handling and marketing. They also interviewed the representative of the State Department of Agriculture who is stationed at the experiment station at Winchester.

State Statisticians who were called to Washington to serve on the Crop Report Board for August were: E. E. Kaufman, California; F. W. Gist, Alabama; V. H. Church, Michigan; H. F. Bryant, Kentucky; and C. S. Bouton, Arkansas.

Statisticians who will sit with the board for the issuance of the cotton report on August 24 are: H. H. Schutz, Texas; V. C. Childs, Georgia; M. R. Wells, Arizona; and Henry Taylor, Virginia.

C. F. Sarle of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates and L. H. Bean and Miss A. Dewees of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, who have been taking graduate work in economics at Columbia University this summer, returned to work yesterday morning.

Dr. S. A. Jones, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, motored with his family to Ohio to spend a two-weeks vacation.

Miss Mary A. Malamphy, of the Foreign Section, returned to her desk last Tuesday after a six-weeks sojourn abroad. Miss Malamphy is very enthusiastic about her trip to Rome and other places in Italy, Switzerland, France, Holland, Belgium, and England. She reports very pleasant visits with Mr. Foley in London, and with Messrs. Estabrook and Hobson in Rome; also with Dr. Cesare Lombardi, Chief of the Statistical Section of the International Institute at Rome, who spent the greater part of 1923 in Washington studying our statistical organization.

Roger E. Davis, Head Clerk of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, resigned August 10 to go to Miami, Fla. Mr. Davis has been in the employ of the department for a number of years, having entered the service as a Messenger Boy in the Bureau of Entomology in 1916. We wish him success in his new undertaking, which is rumored to be "real estate".

E. E. Conklin Jr. has gone to California to represent the bureau in connection with the supervision of joint inspection service of fruits and vegetables in California. He will be there for several months with headquarters possibly at Fresno during the grape deal. At present, Mr. Conklin can be reached through W. F. Allewelt, of the Sacramento office.

Miss Effie Wolverton, of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, sailed Saturday on the Leviathan for a two-months visit with friends at Kew Gardens, London, England.

E. R. Johnson, Assistant Agricultural Economist of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, spent last Friday in Philadelphia conferring with Dr. H. E. Erdman, of the College of Agriculture of California, who was in Philadelphia participating in the sessions of the Institute of Cooperation. The conference related to the poultry situation and egg prices in California in connection with farm management and practice investigations.

Miss M. A. Kelly, of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, is enjoying a week's stay at Harpers Ferry, W. Va.

A. E. Graham, of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, left Saturday for a motor trip to Indianapolis.

Miss Marie McCool, of the Philadelphia Dairy office, returned from her vacation yesterday wearing a coat of tan and a beautiful solitaire ring on the third finger of her left hand. It is understood that the lucky man is also a member of the Philadelphia force, but our correspondent failed to mention his name.

Fred E. Field, formerly of our Stenographic Section and later Head Clerk in the joint office at New York City, has recovered his health and is now employed in the accounting section of the Secretary's office. Mr. Field has been at Saranac Lake, N. Y. for about three years.

Miss Laeta Rixey left Washington last Friday for a sightseeing trip to include Colorado Springs, Denver, Rocky Mountain National Park, Salt Lake City, Yellowstone, Glacier National Park and Chicago.

C. W. Kitchen is taking a vacation, motoring first to Dayton, Ohio, and then to Sullivan, Ind., where he will be until August 26.

Fred J. Hughes is enjoying a stay at Orkney Springs, Va.

Miss Minna Gill has returned to the Periodical Desk of the Bureau Library from her vacation spent in Spain and Paris.

Miss Doris M. Johnson of the Periodical Desk of the Bureau Library was married on August 1 to Thomas D. McLean of this city. Mrs. McLean will return to her desk about August 20 after a wedding trip to Washington, Ind.

A kitchen shower was given for Miss Johnson by Mrs. Dunton of the Library staff at the latter's home in Braddock Heights, Va., on July 25. Judging from the number of eggbeaters she received, omelets must be the bride's favorite dish.

Mrs. Bertha Dunton, Head Clerk of the Bureau Library, left last Thursday for a motor trip to Boston.

Miss Emily L. Day, of the Library staff, has returned from Madison, Wis., where she attended the summer session of the University of Wisconsin.

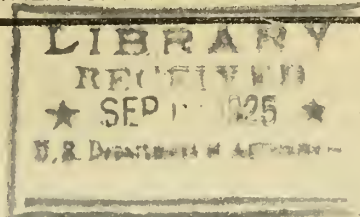
George A. Dunagin has been appointed in the Cotton Division and assigned to take charge of the Atlanta office. Hughes Butterworth, who has been temporarily in charge, has reported in Washington for work in connection with the preparation of the cotton standards.

E. C. Shoup, of the Foreign Section, is spending a vacation in Northern Vermont.

R. D. Conklin, Head Clerk of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, will leave Saturday for a three weeks vacation at his former home in Tarrytown, N. Y.

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1. DR. TAYLOR LEAVES DEPARTMENT.

An announcement that the appointment of Dr. H. C. Taylor, Chief of this bureau, was terminated effective August 15 was made from the Office of the Secretary last Thursday.

Dr. Taylor's last official work was the delivering of an address before the graduate school at Cornell University on August 14. He is now motoring through New England and New York, after which he expects to go to the West.

2. THOMAS P. COOPER APPOINTED CHIEF OF BUREAU.

Thomas P. Cooper, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Experiment Station, University of Kentucky, Lexington, has been named by Secretary of Agriculture Jardine as Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics to succeed Dr. H. C. Taylor, according to an announcement made by the department. The release, after announcing Dean Cooper's appointment, reads: "Four years ago Dean Cooper was offered the position of head of the Bureau of Markets by Secretary Wallace and was tendered the same position by Secretary Houston at the time this bureau was formed, but declined in both instances.

"Employed as a farm hand for several years on farms in western Minnesota and North Dakota, Mr. Cooper entered the University of Minnesota School of Agriculture, graduating in 1902. He graduated from the Minnesota University in 1908. During the succeeding years he held important positions in the Northwest, and in 1914 was named Director of the North Dakota Experiment Station and Agricultural Extension Work. On January 1, 1918 he accepted his present position with the University of Kentucky.

"Dean Cooper has specialized in studies of farm organizations, farm management and agricultural economics. He is the author of numerous bulletins, articles and reports on agricultural subjects and brings to the Department of Agriculture broad experience in agricultural matters, particularly as they pertain to the Northwest and the South.

"In a communication to President McVey of the University of Kentucky asking that Dean Cooper be given a leave of absence to accept his new position, Secretary Jardine said that Mr. Cooper's acceptance of the office "would give him further opportunity to contribute to the cause of agriculture and that his appointment would do honor to Kentucky and to the agriculture of the South."

"Dean Cooper will take up his new duties on September 1."

3. MR. TENNY IS
ACTING CHIEF.

Mr. Tenny has been appointed by the Secretary as Acting Chief and is serving in that capacity until Mr. Cooper reports for duty.

4. BEAN STANDARDS ISSUED
IN TENTATIVE FORM.

Tentative standards for beans have been issued by this bureau following a series of public hearings held in leading bean producing sections of the country. The standards include nineteen different classes of beans, and are proposed for adoption and use by State and commercial agencies to demonstrate their practicability under commercial conditions before official standards are established.

Over 1,600 samples of beans were analyzed by the bureau to determine the range and limits of various quality factors in making up the grades. The tentative standards are made up of seven sets of grades for as many classes or groups of classes, the specifications giving proper weight to local production and marketing problems, as well as to consumer requirements.

Copies of the tentative standards may be had upon application to J. E. Barr, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division.

5. HAY SCHOOL OPENS
AT KANSAS CITY.

The school for Federal hay inspectors opened at the laboratory of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division in Kansas City on Monday, August 17. There are 15 students in attendance, including Prof. C. H. Dorchester, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa; Prof. C. C. Ruth, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon; Prof. F. D. Keim, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska; Prof. E. O. Pollock, Texas A. & M. College, College Station, Texas; R. B. Etheridge, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.; Prof. E. A. Stokdyk and Prof. J. H. Zahnley, Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kans.; Prof. F. H. Steinmetz, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minn.; H. B. Converse, J. W. McCracken, and E. H. Linzee, Oklahoma State Board of Agriculture, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Walter J. Morgan, Ogden Grain Exchange, Ogden, Utah; O. Kunnart, Denver Grain Exchange Ass'n., Denver, Colo; Thomas Forgey, Kansas Grain Inspection Department, Kansas City; and O. A. Zillmer, Wisconsin Department of Markets, Madison, Wis.

The school is in charge of E. C. Parker of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division assisted by H. H. Whiteside and George Postmus. Mr. Parker expects to visit Manhattan, Kansas, during the school session to confer with Dean Umberger of the Kansas Agricultural College about arrangements for the extension work in Kansas. He will also take up the question of acquainting Kansas with the Federal grades and encouraging them to use Federal hay inspection service.

6. FIELD PURCHASES OF
GASOLINE AND OIL.

Purchases of gasoline and motor oils for official use at substantially reduced prices in any of 100 cities may now be made by our field office

through an arrangement recently made with the Post Office Department by the Division of Purchase, Sales and Traffic of this department.

Details of the arrangement and a list of the cities where post office stocks are available to our offices will be found in Memorandum No. 13 of the Office of Personnel and Business Administration quoted in full in The Official Record of August 19. Every field office should exercise this privilege as much as possible, as it is believed that an aggregate saving of thousands of dollars annually will result.

7. AN IDEAL TRIP REPORT.

In accordance with a recent memorandum, reports on meetings are now being made to the Office of the Chief. The following report from Dr. Galpin is quoted because Mr. Tenny points out that it "is near ideal from the standpoint of the administrative office":

REPORT OF TRIP TO WILLIAMSTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS.

C.J. Galpin.

Name of association: Institute of Politics.

Place and date of meeting: Williamstown, Mass. August 13, 1925.

Approximate number of persons present: Round table of fifty persons.

Purpose of meeting: A round table of population problems.

Subject of address: Leakage of Agricultural Wealth to Cities.

General comments: The personnel of the round table very largely city people, - persons of leisure, elderly persons attempting to keep up with events, some specialists. Address of one-half hour length was well received and a copy of 2,000 words requested for publication and given to them for that purpose.

8. CONTACTS WITH SOLICITOR'S OFFICE. TO BE THROUGH EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

In order that the executive office may be kept in close touch with the activities of the bureau connected with its regulatory and service work, Mr. Tenny has asked that all contacts with the Solicitor's Office having to do with the preparation or submission of reports, notices, regulations, etc. be made through the executive office. Whenever it is necessary to submit material to the Solicitor or to request his opinion or advice on pending matters, each case should be made the subject of a memorandum to the Solicitor prepared for the signature of the Acting Chief of Bureau.

9. MEAT INSPECTION
SERVICE COMMENDED.

"For the past two years" writes Childs, well-known restaurateurs, "we have been having the meats at our New York stores inspected by the New York division of your department, and believe that your inspection service has resulted in our securing a much better quality of meat. ***

"We believe that the department's success is due to your supervision and selection of a high type personnel. The latter is well reflected in B. F. McCarthy and W. H. Norris, both of whom have given us their earnest attention and very efficient inspections."

10. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending August 21 are:

Bartholomew, John George.

The Oxford economic atlas. 6th ed., rev. London, Oxford university press; [etc., etc.] 1925.

Canada. Dept. of agriculture. Live stock branch. Markets intelligence and stock yards service.

The origin and quality of commercial live stock marketed in Canada in 1924. Ottawa, 1925. (Report no.5)

Commission scientifique interalliée du ravitaillement.

Rapport général. Les ressources et les besoins alimentaires des pays alliés. 1. rapport et annexes 1-7. Paris, [Imp. Lang, Blanchong et cie] 1918.

National association of cost accountants.

The human element in material control. (Official publications, v.6, no.23, August 1, 1925)

Oil, paint and drug reporter.

Green book. Who's who in the chemical, dyestuff, drug, paint, oil, fertilizer and related industries. 1925 ed... 13th year. New York, Oil paint and drug reporter, inc., 1925.

Ross, E.A.

Roads to social peace. Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina press, 1924.

U.S. War dept. Board of engineers for rivers and harbors.

... The ports of Jacksonville, Fernandina, Miami, Key West, Tampa and South Boca Grande, Florida... Washington, Govt. printg off., 1925. (Port series, no.8)

Yorkshire observer.

Trade review 1924... Textile industries, finance, engineering, mining, etc. Bradford, 1925.

BUREAU BREVITIES

11. AIDS TO WRITERS AND EDITORS is the title of Agricultural Economics Bibliography No. 6. It is a selected list of books on the preparation of manuscripts and the mechanics of writing for use in this bureau, compiled by Miss Emily L. Day under the supervision of Miss Mary G. Lacy, Librarian. It is stated in the foreword that the list does not pretend to be exhaustive. Its aim is to aid persons in this bureau who have to do with the preparation of manuscripts to find answers to questions regarding proper usage. Copies may be had upon application to our Bureau Library.
12. THE NEW ENGLAND DAIRY MARKET is discussed in a 59-page report prepared by Robert J. McFall, Collaborator of this bureau. In a front page acknowledgment, it is stated that this report follows a preliminary study made by E. C. Shoup in 1922. Mr. Shoup also initiated the more detailed study and cooperated in part of the field work connected with it. Acknowledgment is also made to the New England Crop Reporting Service among a number of agencies which assisted in gathering the material.
13. COOPERATIVE MARKETING OF WOOL, 1922-24, is the latest preliminary report dealing with the statistics of agricultural cooperation. R. H. Elsworth and Ruth Payne are the authors. Copies may be obtained from the Division of Agricultural Cooperation or Miss Thomas.
14. FAMILY LIVING FROM THE FARM forms the theme of Department Bulletin No. 1338, by H. W. Hawthorne which has just come from the press. Data for this bulletin were drawn from 30 farming localities in 21 States for the years 1918 to 1922. Tables, graphs and photographic illustrations add to the text.
15. OFFICIAL STANDARDS FOR AMERICAN COTTON LINTERS as established by the Secretary of Agriculture are now available in Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 94 of this bureau. This announcement also carries an article by G. S. Meloy regarding the production, characteristics, and use of linters with explanatory notes about the standards.
16. REVISED REGULATIONS UNDER THE COTTON STANDARDS ACT are contained in Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 95 of this bureau. These revised regulations were effective on August 1. The text of the cotton standards act is found in the appendix.
17. SUCCESSFUL FARMING ON 160-ACRE FARMS in central Indiana is discussed and described with emphasis of the factors that made for success in Farmers Bulletin No. 1463 which came from the press just in time to be used at the State Fair in Indiana. Lynn Robertson, State Leader of Farm Demonstrations in that State, and H. W. Hawthorne of this bureau are the authors.
18. JUST HOW TO PACK APPLES IN BOXES is told by R. R. Pailthorp and F. S. Kinsey in Farmers Bulletin No. 1457 in concise and clear text and in pictures that, at times, nearly tell the story by themselves. It is being distributed well before the packing season begins and its timeliness adds to its value.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Dr. L. C. Gray gave a talk last Wednesday in Centerville, Md., at a farmers' picnic. While there he met some agricultural leaders in connection with a study of landlord-tenant relations on the Eastern Shore. Dr. Bomberger, of the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station, went with him.

Dr. L. C. Gray is now taking a two-weeks' rest at home here. R. P. Teele is acting in charge of the division during Dr. Gray's absence.

C. E. Gage left yesterday by automobile for an investigational trip through the dark and flue-cured tobacco sections of Virginia to be gone most of the week. Dr. Garner, in charge of Tobacco Investigations, Bureau of Plant Industry, and John A. Hicks of our Richmond Crop Estimates office, are accompanying Mr. Gage.

C. J. West, Agricultural Statistician for Ohio, in company with army pilots at Dayton, recently surveyed farm lands at an altitude of 5,000 feet and by means of a powerful camera, developed at McCook field, obtained 60 photographs. "I was particularly impressed", said Mr. West, "with the way a farm shows up from an altitude of 5,000 feet. At present we have a crop census every five years. By airplane, we could supplement this every summer."

Dr. C. J. Galpin left last Friday for a three-weeks' vacation at Lac Archambault, Quebec, Montreal, and points in New York State. He will return to the office September 14.

Charles F. Sarle, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, is leaving Wednesday for points in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota and Iowa, to coordinate farm price studies being made in cooperation with State agricultural colleges and others. He will obtain first hand information from farmers and others concerning the present economic position of agriculture and the fall and winter outlook.

A. B. Genung, Editor of The Agricultural Situation, will leave Washington early next week to make a survey of the corn and wheat belts. He will confer with bankers, economists, extension workers and farmers regarding the present outlook.

R. L. Francis, Cotton Specialist, has resigned effective September 1 to become chairman of the board of classers and chairman of the quotations committee of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange. Mr. Francis left for New Orleans last night and will be on leave until his resignation becomes effective.

Dr. O. C. Stine is motoring through Pennsylvania and Ohio. He will probably return August 31. Other members of his division who are on leave include; Miss Jessie Stratton, who is spending a three-weeks holiday at Syracuse and Rochester, N. Y., and Mrs. Florence Fitch who is at Ocean City, N.J.

J. C. Gilbert returned to his desk Friday morning, after a ten-days' motor tour in Virginia. From Winchester in the Shenandoah Valley section to tidewater at Norfolk, he visited a great many of the spots of historic interest.

Miss Annie H. Alves of the Section of Accounts is spending her vacation with relatives in Henderson, Ky.

Mrs. Gladdine Kidwell of the Payroll section of Accounts has just returned from a visit to her parents at Morgantown, W. Va.

Mrs. Lulu Grosvenor of the Section of Accounts motored to Atlantic City, Ocean City and Cape May, N. J. for a week's holiday.

Frank Andrews has gone from Salt Lake City to Portland, Ore. to supervise the work of the latter office during the absence on account of sickness of Mr. Kent, Agricultural Statistician for Oregon.

Holmes Baker, of Mails and Files, has been transferred to the Division of Statistical and Historical Research to take the place left vacant by the transfer of Ben Boyce to the Office of Exhibits.

The annual outing of the Fruit and Vegetable fishermen took place last Friday when Messrs. Sherman, Samson, Boree, Broxton, Lewis and Strowbridge went to Shady Side, Md. for a day's catch. We know they got it caught in the pouring rain, and from the meager tales reaching us, we assume that the fish caught were small fry.

E. G. Boerner breezed into Chicago last week saying he was going up into "God's Country". Due inquiry by headquarters staff of the Grain Division revealed that the Major was on his way to Minnesota.

Edwin Smith left Monday for Orlando, Tampa and other points in Florida to confer with citrus fruit shippers of the State with a view to laying plans for more effective distribution of their product in the foreign market. On his return, he will spend about four days in Virginia addressing meetings of growers arranged by extension authorities.

It is with sincere regret that we learn of the death of the 8-year old daughter of Robert Bier. The child's death occurred as a result of burns received when her clothing accidentally caught fire.

B. L. Perkins will attend the Norfolk Fair, September 7-12 to assist in the displaying of department exhibits.

Mr. A. Crosby has been temporarily detailed to exhibit work. He will leave Washington about September 1 to assist at the Michigan State Fair, Detroit, September 4-13, the Illinois State Fair at Springfield, September 19-26 and the Dairy Cattle Congress at Waterloo, Iowa, September 28-October 4.

Miss Grace F. Leonard, after a change in her vacation plans, is now visiting relatives in New York City and later will go to Chicago for a brief stay.

Miss Charlotte Ellerbrock motored to New York and will go on to Niagara Falls, after which she will spend a week with Mrs. S. Garrett Swain, Jr. at her home in Ridgway, Pa.

S. Garrett Swain, of the Warehouse Division, is leaving the last of this week for a two-weeks' stay at Ridgway, Pa.

Miss May Giltrud, of Mails and Files, has our sincere sympathy in the recent loss of her father.

Shirley Shinas, of Personnel, has returned from Atlantic City wearing such a broad smile that she has been nicknamed the "Sunshine Girl".

Miss Idella W. Tredway, of the Warehouse Division, leaves tomorrow for a vacation with friends in Chester County, Pa.

C. E. Trout, Editor of State and Federal Marketing Activities, will spend the next two weeks at Atlanta, Ga.

Richard Hardin, Janitor at the Charlotte, N. C. cotton office, died August 16.

Perry E. Elliott, of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, has resigned effective August 17. Mr. Elliott went to Florida about a month ago in the hope of curing bronchial asthma from which he had been suffering for some time. While there, he decided to go into the real estate business, and it is now reported that he and Roger Davis, former Head Clerk of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, are "making big money".

Roy L. Gillett has been authorized to travel from Albany to Madison for the purpose of consulting Mr. Nyhus, Agricultural Statistician for Wisconsin, in connection with the development of dairy statistical work. He will stop off at the offices of the Agricultural Statisticians of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, at Lansing, Mich., Lafayette, Ind. and Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. M. C. Tippet, of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, is visiting at her home in Charles County, Md.

Mrs. Leona Blankenship, Division of Land Economics, is enjoying a three-weeks' vacation at home here.

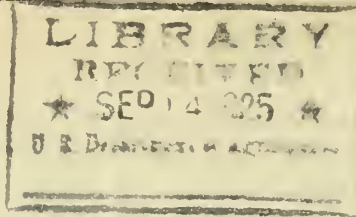
Mrs. Mamie Pratt, Division of Land Economics, returned Monday from a week's stay in Hudson, N. Y.

Mrs. H. M. West, Division of Land Economics, is spending her vacation at home here.

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1. MR. COOPER INSTALLED AS CHIEF OF BUREAU.

Thomas P. Cooper took the oath of office yesterday in the presence of Secretary Jardine. Mr. Cooper met the administrative staff and division leaders in his office yesterday morning. He said:

"I have followed the activities of this bureau for many years and have watched the development of the organization with a great deal of interest. I have come in contact with various phases of the work and hope that I have contributed in some slight degree to its progress.

"As I enter upon the duties of Chief of this large and important bureau, I am glad to have the cooperation of the entire personnel and I pledge my support in carrying on this great work. I feel that our aim is one, namely, the most intelligent industry in service to the public in all lines of our work. Only by working together can we hope to attain the ends we have closest at heart."

The Chief will return to Kentucky tonight to participate in the dedication of two new sub-stations of the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station. These engagements were made prior to his appointment as Chief of Bureau. He will return to Washington about September 15. Mr. Tenny has been designated Acting Chief in Mr. Cooper's absence.

2. SECRETARY JARDINE RETURNS TO OFFICE.

Secretary Jardine returned to his office yesterday morning after a month's treatment at Walter Reed Hospital.

3. CROP REPORTING TO BE UNDERTAKEN COOPERATIVELY WITH WEST VIRGINIA.

Arrangements for cooperative crop reporting in West Virginia have been completed with the State Department of Agriculture by W. F. Callander who has just returned from Charleston, W. Va. The State Department has agreed to revive the assessor's law which has been inoperative for some time, and under this law the State will take an annual census of agriculture. The State will also furnish the necessary clerical help, office quarters and most of the traveling expenses in the State of the statistician.

J. B. Gibbs, who for some time has been Junior Statistician for Kentucky and West Virginia, will be transferred to Charleston to take charge of the cooperative office. Mr. Gibbs' services will be this bureau's contribution to the work.

4. SPINNING TESTS UNDER WAY YIELDING COMPREHENSIVE DATA.

Spinning tests to determine the relative values of yarns made from the nine white grades of the universal cotton standards and the relative value of the unspinnable cotton or waste found in the different grades are being made at the Clemson Agricultural College by our Cotton Division under the immediate supervision of H. H. Willis. Mr. Willis was in Washington Saturday en route to Clemson College from eastern mills. Last week he called on a number of manufacturers and waste dealers in Providence, R. I., and Boston to discuss with them results of tests to date and to get from them the commercial slant on the relative value of waste from each grade.

From the tests under way it is expected to determine to what degree the standards are a true index of spinning value in cotton. The question will be treated from the standpoint of percentage of waste, strength and evenness of yarn, bleaching and finishing properties, adaptability to mercerizing, and efficiency in the operation of textile machinery. Mr. Willis is now preparing a manuscript in which the results of the tests will be given.

5. OFFICIAL HAY STANDARDS BECOME EFFECTIVE TODAY.

The standards for Timothy, Clover and Grass Hay; Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixed Hay; Johnson and Johnson Mixed Hay; Prairie Hay; and Mixed Hay, recommended by this bureau on July 1, become the official standards of the United States for the inspection of hay, effective September 1, 1925, according to an order of the Secretary of Agriculture. Mimeographed copies of the standards may be obtained from the Hay, Feed and Seed Division of this bureau or from any licensed Federal Hay Inspector.

It is planned to issue a Hay Standards Handbook which will contain the standards, a description of certain important features of them, and of important features of the Federal Hay Inspection Service. This handbook will probably be ready for distribution in the next month or two.

6. BROOMCORN INSPECTORS SCHOOL TO BE HELD AT OKLAHOMA CITY.

The first school for training men to inspect broomcorn in accordance with the tentative Federal standards will be held at Oklahoma City, beginning September 8. K. B. Seeds, of Washington, and G. B. Alguire, of the Kansas City office of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, will conduct the course. Any one interested in taking the training is invited to do so.

Arrangements have already been consummated for a State inspection service on broomcorn under the auspices of the State Market Commission of Oklahoma.

7. SWEET POTATOES NOW
COVERED IN REPORTS.

Mimeographed market reports on sweet potatoes were resumed in Washington last Tuesday. For the present, these bulletins are being issued daily. Similar reports are being published by the Fruit and Vegetable offices at Atlanta, Philadelphia, Cincinnati and St. Louis.

8. INCREASED USE OF RADIO
ON FARMS IS SHOWN BY SURVEY

More than 550,000 farms in the United States are now equipped with radio, this department estimates following a nation-wide survey by the Office of Cooperative Extension Work in cooperation with this bureau. A similar survey last year showed 365,000 farms on which there were radio sets and in 1923 only 145,000 farms.

This rapid increase in the use of radio by farmers is due, department officials declare, to the need for prompt market information in merchandizing farm products, to the educational value of radio and to its entertainment features. Many county agents reported that farmers have installed radio sets primarily to receive weather and market reports.

The department's estimates of 550,000 sets is based upon reports from 1056 county agents. Illinois leads the list in number of sets on farms, the estimate for that State being 46,000 sets; New York is next with 39,000 sets on farms; Iowa, 38,500 sets; Missouri, 37,000; Kansas, 35,000; Nebraska, 34,000; Ohio, 27,000; and Minnesota, 26,000. California has 22,000 sets on farms; Michigan, 19,000; Texas, 18,000; and Indiana, 17,000.

The smallest number of sets is in Delaware for which the estimate is 200 sets; Florida, 300; New Mexico, 500 and Nevada, 600. The Corn Belt States show the greatest development in the use of radio on farms. The reason given for the slow development in the use of radio in the South is natural conditions which hamper clear broadcasting and reception.

9. GOOD COMMERCIAL GRAIN
PRACTICES TO BE PROMOTED.

Representatives of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce met with officials of our Grain Division at Minneapolis August 26 to consider entering into a cooperative agreement with a view to promoting good commercial practices in handling and shipping grain. Messrs. Besley, Miles, Carroll, Boerner and Miller represented the bureau at the conference and 30 grain dealers were present. Mr. Besley outlined the plan, after which a brief discussion followed. A resolution was unanimously passed to bring the matter before the directors of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce for their consideration and endorsement of the plan. Messrs. Besley and Miles expressed themselves as very well satisfied with the outcome of the conference.

10. WEEKLY GRAIN REVIEW
POPULAR IN IDAHO.

Through the cooperation of the extension service of Idaho with the Grain Market News Service of the bureau, more than 50 Idaho newspapers have requested the weekly grain market review for publication for the benefit of farmers of that State. G. A. Collier prepares these reviews.

11. BETTER BEDDING ALLIANCE
ENDORSES MR. MELOY'S WORK.

The Board of Trustees of the Better Bedding Alliance of America in session at Chicago, August 25, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS Mr. G. S. Meloy, Specialist in Cotton Products of the United States Department of Agriculture, has with note-worthy capacity and diligence, directed the standardization of grades of American cotton linters, resulting in their formal adoption by the United States Government, and

WHEREAS, His work on this problem will be highly beneficial to the bedding industry and allied industries of the United States

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Board of Trustees, speaking in the name of the bedding industry, extend to Mr. G. S. Meloy, their hearty appreciation of the value of the work he has accomplished, and their compliments and thanks for the excellent service he has rendered to the country.

12. DULUTH GRAIN OFFICE
A BUSY PLACE.

The Duluth, Minn., Office of Federal Grain Supervision reports "business picking up." Carlot receipts at that market during the last few days have been running around 1,000 cars daily, and the Duluth force has been handling between 50 and 60 appeals a day.

13. CIVIL SERVICE
EXAMINATIONS ANNOUNCED.

Open competitive examinations for Assistant Chief Marketing Specialist (Grading Cotton Linters) at \$3,800 a year, and Marketing Specialist (Grading Cotton Linters) at \$3,000 a year have been announced by the Civil Service Commission. Competitors will not be required to report for examination at any place but will be rated on education, experience and thesis or discussion. Receipt of applications will close September 29.

The duties of the Assistant Chief Marketing Specialist will be to serve as member of the committee on final inspection of the standard grades, which committee is charged with the duty of examining and comparing minutely each of the copies of the grades before issuance to the public for commercial use. The Marketing Specialist will assist with the final review work of preparing copies of the grades, in inspecting and adjusting copies of such standards in use.

14. INSPECTION SERVICE IN
SOUTH CAROLINA SATISFACTORY.

Federal-State shipping-point inspection in South Carolina this year has been much more satisfactory than at any time in the past reports D. D. Whitcomb, Chief of the State Division of Markets. Growers of each of the perishable crops inspected are most anxious to secure the service another season, it is stated. A total of 1,002 cars, including potatoes, cucumbers, tomatoes, dewberries and peaches were inspected.

15. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending August 28 are:

Gt. Brit. Colonial office. Committee to consider the best means of securing improved and increased production of palm oil and palm kernels in West Africa.

West Africa. Palm oil and palm kernels. Report... 1925.
London, H.M. Stationery off., 1925. (Colonial no.10)

Harvard university. Graduate school of business administration.
Bureau of business research.
... Operating expenses in department stores in 1924.
Cambridge, Mass., 1925. (Bulletin no. 53)

Taylor, H. C.
Outlines of agricultural economics... New York, The Macmillan company, 1925. (Social science text-books, ed.by R.T. Ely)

U.S. Geological survey.
... Mineral resources of the United States in 1924. (Summary report)... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1925.

U.S. Interstate commerce commission. Bureau of statistics.
... A preliminary abstract of statistics of common carriers for the year ended December 31, 1924. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1925.

U.S. Tariff commission.
... Tariff information surveys on the articles in paragraph 1213 of the Tariff act of 1922 and related articles in other paragraphs. Artificial silk ... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1925.

Yoakum, B.F.
National necessity for restoring prosperity to American agriculture... [Tacoma? 1925]

Young, B.F.
Statistics as applied in business. New York, Roland press company [1925]

BUREAU BREVITIES

16. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF SPECIFICATIONS FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLE crates and boxes in common use in the United States has been prepared by the Standard Container Project, and is now available in mimeographed form. The schedule is being sent to 290 manufacturers of crates and boxes and to 2,000 shippers of fruits and vegetables with a request for comments and suggestions. When these have been received, the schedule will be revised and reissued. H. A. Spilman, in charge of the project, states it is hoped to develop the schedule into the standard source of information regarding crate and box specifications.

17. A CHART FOR ESTIMATING THE AMOUNT OF GRAIN IN BINS which was devised by E. N. Bates of the Grain Division is found folded in an envelope in the back of Miscellaneous Circular 41, just off the press. The text that accompanies the chart is the joint production of E. N. Bates and S. W. Mendum of the Division of Information. This publication is made available just at the time that grain is going into bins and will be equally useful throughout the year when grain is going out of the bins.

18. SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE TENTATIVE UNITED STATES STANDARDS FOR BEANS may be found in the preliminary report entitled "Standardization of Beans" by W. A. Wheeler, in charge of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, and J. E. Barr, Assistant Marketing Specialist, of the same division.

19. WISCONSIN POTATO DEAL, season 1924-25, is summarized in a mimeographed report by W. H. Mosier. An outline map of the State, prepared by the Wisconsin Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, appears on the cover page and shows commercial potato acreage. It is stated that 55 of the 71 counties in Wisconsin grow potatoes for shipment to market.

20. HANDBOOK OF OFFICIAL GRAIN STANDARDS for oats, feed oats, mixed feed oats and grain sorghums, a 3 by 6-inch printed pamphlet, gives a tabulated and abridged description of these standards. The oats standards become effective today.

21. REGULATIONS FOR INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION of fruits and vegetables under the item that provides for this work in the last agricultural appropriation act have been issued as Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 93 of this bureau.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU

Nils A. Olsen, Assistant Chief, has wired from his home at Herscher, Ill., that he expects to return to his desk the latter part of this week.

Governor Gore of West Virginia, formerly Secretary of Agriculture, entertained at dinner for W. F. Callander, Hal F. Bryant, Statistician for Kentucky, and J. B. Gibbs, Statistician for West Virginia, on the occasion of their recent visit to Charleston to arrange for cooperative crop reporting work with the State of West Virginia. Mr. Callander reports that the Governor seems to be enjoying his new job.

E. W. Baker, who for the past three years has been supervising the livestock market news service, with headquarters in the field, was transferred to Washington, August 24. Mr. Baker will have immediate charge of the market news service of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, giving special attention to livestock. The transfer was made with a view to increasing the efficiency of the market news service and bringing the field and Washington forces closer together.

R. L. Burrus, of the Boston office, is reporting the Boston wool market in the absence of W. E. Doble who is on vacation.

K. B. Seeds, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, leaves today for Kansas City, Oklahoma City and San Antonio, Texas. At Kansas City and San Antonio, Mr. Seeds will attend the closing sessions of the schools for training Federal hay inspectors to give the new inspectors information regarding the regulations governing hay inspection, including the proper preparation of certificates. At Oklahoma City, he and Mr. Alguire will conduct the broomcorn inspectors school, reported elsewhere in this issue. En route to Washington from San Antonio, Mr. Seeds will stop at Birmingham to confer with L. W. Stephenson, Supervising Hay Inspector for the Southeastern Division.

J. E. Barr will speak before the National Soy Bean Growers' Association at its convention here September 2-3. He will exhibit the tentative United States standards for beans and will attend the field demonstrations under the auspices of the association at College Park, Md., and Accotink, Va.

Yesterday was the last day of service in the bureau for Miss Georgia B. Hazlett, Head Clerk of the Division of Agricultural Finance. On Saturday, Gordon F. Cadisch, in behalf of the division, presented Miss Hazlett with a beautiful hand-bordered cowhide brief case. Later light refreshments were served. Miss Hazlett has the best wishes of her friends, and they are legion, for success in her new work.

The headquarters of Carl C. Brown, of the Warehouse Division, are being changed from Spokane, Wash., to Dallas, Texas, effective September 10.

Miss Elsie Robertson, of Cotton, was married to R. J. Knoll, at Kensington, Md., on February 23, 1924, according to announcements just received. On August 21, the day before Mrs. Knoll left for a vacation at Niagara Falls and a visit to relatives in St. Louis, members of the Cotton Division presented her with a half-dozen knives, forks and teaspoons and a sugar shell, all of Louis XIV pattern.

Mrs. V. P. Link, of the Payroll Section of Accounts, is touring in the Shenandoah Valley, Eastern Shore of Maryland and other points in the vicinity. She expects to return to her desk September 10.

Mrs. H. M. West, Head Clerk in the Division of Land Economics, resigned effective August 31 to accept a position as secretary to a Congress-

man. Mrs. West's many friends in the bureau are sorry to have her leave but glad to know of her greater opportunity.

Miss Mary B. Hall, of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, has gone to Memphis, Tenn., to visit her uncle who is the editor of the Commercial Appeal. It is rumored that she has carried out her "intention to bob".

Donald M. James, of New Jersey, has been appointed by this bureau and Pennsylvania to assist in receiving-point and shipping-point inspection work in Pennsylvania. Mr. James received his B. S. degree from Rutgers College in 1922. During the summer of 1922, he assisted with the cooperative shipping-point work in New Jersey, and has since assisted with similar work in various southern and eastern States.

Edgar Krumm, of the New York inspection staff, resigned effective today. It is understood he will enter the real estate business, possibly in Florida.

R. W. Davis, of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, leaves tomorrow for Chicago and Denver and other points in Colorado to investigate the possibility of standardizing crates for cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, and cantaloupes. He will also study methods of packing and loading these commodities.

Miss Nora P. Houston, of the San Francisco office of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, has been granted leave without pay for two months on account of ill health. Mrs. A. P. Neel, of the Washington office, left Saturday night to take Miss Houston's place. Mrs. Neel is paying her own expenses to the coast and will take her annual leave while there.

James K. Wallace returned yesterday to Washington from Virginia where he has been conducting cattle grading demonstrations this summer.

Miss Elizabeth Johnson, Time Clerk, is reported to be rapidly recuperating from her recent operation for appendicitis.

Willard Gross, Sampler in the Peoria Grain Office, is reported to have drawn a life sentence. On August 20 he was married to Miss Ruth Baldwin. The presumption is that he will now discontinue parking at the cigar store every night.

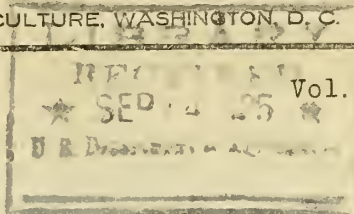
J. F. MacKenzie returned to his headquarters at San Francisco August 20 after his vacation abroad. He is said to be light of heart and pocket-book.

The following members of the Division of Land Economics are now enjoying vacations: Miss Nettie P. Bradshaw, at Sunset Hills, Va., Mrs. Glendora Eliason, motoring through New Jersey, Thomas F. McDonough, Portland, Me., Miss Elizabeth Knee, Manchester, N. H., Miss L. M. Zeitler, Norristown, Pa., and Miss Edith Dansereau, Newark, N. J.

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1. DAILY MARKET NEWS SUMMARY TO BE BROADCAST FROM WASHINGTON.

Arrangements have just been completed for the broadcasting of a daily market summary from the two high-powered radio stations in Washington, WCAP and WRC. J. C. Gilbert of the Division of Information will begin the service on Monday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m. with a report broadcast from station WCAP. On the following evening the broadcasting will be from station WRC. The reports will consist of outstanding news features of each day's markets as prepared by the following commodity divisions: Cotton, Fruits and Vegetables, Livestock, Meats and Wool, Dairy and Poultry Products, and Hay, Feed and Seed. The grain report will be prepared as usual by G. A. Collier, of Hay, Feed and Seed. It is the plan to make the summaries of interest to the housewives in Washington and the nearby cities of Maryland and Virginia as well as to the farmers and dealers.

Last Friday evening, Mr. Gilbert delivered a radio talk from station WCAP on the subject of Agricultural Cooperation which has received very favorable comment. A letter received this morning from Hon. Elwood Mead, Commissioner of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, compliments Mr. Gilbert on his presentation of the talk and asks for a copy for publication in the monthly magazine of the reclamation service, - The New Reclamation Era.

2. NO SUMMER VACATION FOR MANUSCRIPTS.

The summer months have proved to be the most active of the year in the manuscript work of the bureau, according to a recent report of the Division of Information. During the months of June, July and August, 23 manuscripts were sent forward to the Office of Publications as against a total of 7 manuscripts during the months of January, February and March. Publications have come off the press at a comparatively rapid rate during August. Of the 9 received by this bureau from the Government Printing Office, during that month, 3 were particularly timely as to season of distribution.

3. SOYBEAN STANDARDS NOW AVAILABLE.

United States standards for soybeans have been issued effective September 1. These standards were prepared in the Hay, Feed and Seed Division by J. E. Barr, Assistant Marketing Specialist. They are a revision of the tentative grades issued last year, and are recommended for use in the grading and marketing of soybeans for industrial or manufacturing purposes. Mimeographed copies of the specifications are now available.

4. STANDARDIZATION IS PRINCIPAL AIM OF OUR LIVESTOCK SERVICE.

Conditions at our livestock offices are in fine shape, according to C. V. Whalin who recently returned from his annual tour of the field stations of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool. The objects of Mr. Whalin's trip were: To stimulate closer and more loyal cooperation between the field men and the Washington staff; to get the field's viewpoint and objection unified; to stimulate more intensive distribution of market news; to broaden the area of influence of each station; to learn of the causes of dissatisfaction or misunderstanding, if any, and to correct the causes; in short, to solidify the organization.

All members of the field force are enthusiastic for a broader, better and more intensive and practical service, with standardization of grades and service one of the principal objectives, Mr. Whalin reports.

At San Francisco, Mr. Whalin held the first conference of our range and West Coast livestock market reporters. He made a study of changes in the livestock situation in typical areas, noting the shift from beef cattle production to dairying and sheep raising in the old-time cow country. At Miles City, Mont., Mr. Whalin met with M. L. Wilson and R. H. Wilcox, of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, presenting the cattle outlook report and receiving suggestions from the conference of farm-management and cost-of-producing-cattle workers.

While in the field, Mr. Whalin also conferred with livestock producers, particularly cattle and sheep men, relative to numbers and condition of marketable livestock and learned of their plans for the next two years. He also talked with commission men and traders, livestock newspaper men and secretaries of livestock producer associations relative to their impression of the livestock situation. Our service ranks high in their estimation, Mr. Whalin says. Associated Press representatives expressed a decided preference for official market reports from this bureau.

5. POSTAGE FOR FOREIGN MAIL.

The expense for postage stamps on official mail sent abroad is becoming quite an item, the Section of Mails and Files reports. One way of keeping this expense to a minimum is, it is suggested, to send publications under separate cover and not with the letter of transmittal. For instance, a letter to China with a 3-ounce enclosure was to be sent first-class. By putting the pamphlet in a string envelope, 10 cents was saved. Embassy pouches are also available for sending mail free to certain points. For further details regarding these pouches, communicate with C. L. Snow.

6. TO THE FIELD.

With this issue of The B.A.E. News, a copy of Office of the Secretary Memorandum No. 542, amending the Property Regulations is sent to field offices of the bureau.

7. IMPORTANT MANUSCRIPT LOST.

About the middle of July a manuscript entitled "Administrative Supplement" disappeared from the desk of W. L. Evans, Room 503, where it had been left at close of office the evening before. It contained 50 or more pages, mostly double spaced, with some interlineations, dealing with administrative matters for the information of the field force of the Fruit and Vegetable Division. Thorough search was made immediately and several bureau offices were put on the lookout for it, but it has not yet been found. If it has reached the hands of anyone in the bureau or gotten into some files through failure to recognize its purport, please return it at once to Mr. Evans and save him the trouble of rewriting it. The manuscript was stapled with two brass staples on the left-hand margin.

8. PROMPTNESS SUGGESTS EFFICIENCY.

"The promptness with which you acknowledged our communication is highly pleasing and speaks well for the efficiency of your department" writes a leading printing corporation of Chicago to G. T. Willingmyre, Specialist in Wool Marketing and Standardization.

9. HARD TIMES!

In a letter referred to this bureau from the Department of Labor, a committee of colored men set forth a number of their trials and tribulations, chief among which is the fact that a plug of "Brown Mule" costs 40 cents.

10. MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU IN AUGUST.

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Office of Publications during August:

Estabrook, L.M.: Agricultural Survey of South America:
Argentina and Paraguay. For Department Bulletin.

Henderson, B.: Policies of the individual States in selling
and settling vacant lands. For Department Bulletin.

Kirkpatrick, E.L. and Sanders, J.T.: Relation between Ability
to Pay and Standard of Living Among Farmers. For De-
partment Bulletin.

Michael, L.G.: Agricultural Survey of Europe: Germany. For
Department Bulletin.

Nason, W.C.: Rural Hospitals. For Farmers' Bulletin.

Type Classification of American Grown Tobacco. For Mis-
cellaneous Circular.

(Manuscript Report Continued.)

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

- Collier, G. A. and Irwin, H. S.: World Wheat Reserves. For Journal of Commerce.
- Crosby, M. A.: Weeds Everlasting. For Better Crops.
- Galpin, C. J.: Problems of Rural Culture in the U. S. For Kommunal Kalender and for National Municipal Review.
- George, F.: Why Upset the Export Apple Cart? For Better Crops.
- Henderson, B.: Russell Smith's North America (Book Review): For Journal of Land and Public Utility. Economics.
- Sherman, Caroline B.: Millions Can be Saved by Cleaning Wheat. For American Bankers Association Journal.
- Smith, W.D.: Aims and Accomplishments of the Office of Rice Investigations. For Rice Journal.
- Trout, C. E.: Spring Wheat Producers Can Prevent Dockage Losses. For Montana Farmer.
- Yohe, H. S.: Federal Warehouse Receipts and Bank Credit Manager. For Monthly Bulletin of the Robert Morris Associates.
- Yohe, H. S.: Sound Agricultural Warehouse Receipts for the Bank Credit Manager. For Monthly Bulletin of the Robert Morris Associates.

11. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending September 4 are:

Davison's textile blue book, 38th, 1925/26. New York, Davison publishing co., 1925.

Gt. Brit. Ministry of agriculture and fisheries.

... Economic resources of Canada in relation to Britain's food supplies, by Sir Henry Rew. London, H.M. Stationery office, 1925. (Economic series, no.3)

National joint industrial council for the flour milling industry. 6th annual report, 1924/25. London, 1925.

Nebraska. University. College of business administration. Committee on business research.

Nebraska studies in business no.11. Credit control in wholesale distribution. Lincoln, 1925. (Publication no.16)

Nelson, Lowry.

... A social survey of Escalante, Utah ... Research division, Brigham Young university and Bureau of agricultural economics, United States department of agriculture cooperating. Provo, Utah, Brigham Young university, 1925. (Brigham Young university studies, no.1)

U.S. Bureau of the census.

... Animal and vegetable fats and oils. Production, consumption, imports, exports and stocks by quarters, calendar years 1923 and 1924... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1925.

U.S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce.

... Commercial survey of the Philadelphia marketing area, by J.F. Dewhurst. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1925. (Domestic commerce series, no.1)

Yoakum, B.F.

National marketing the solution of farm problem ... Speech delivered at Amarillo, Texas, August 26th, 1925, under the auspices of the Texas wheat growers' association. [n.p.] 1925.

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12. THE AGRICULTURAL YEARBOOK for 1924 is now off the press. Division leaders and others whose names have been supplied by division leaders will receive a copy from our limited allotment.

This bureau is the largest contributor to the yearbook. The article on Farm Credit, Farm Insurance, and Farm Taxation was written by Nils A. Olsen, C. O. Brynner, G. F. Cadisch, and R. Wayne Newton. W. J. Spillman, O. C. Stine, J. S. Cotton, G. A. Collier, M. R. Cooper, and E. C. Parker were joint authors of the article on Hay. R. R. Slocum, D. Jackson and S. W. Mendum contributed to the discussion on The Poultry Industry. B. B. Smith is joint author of Weather and Agriculture.

The agricultural statistics presented in the second half of the volume were prepared under the direction of our Statistical Committee, consisting of W. F. Callander, Lewis B. Flohr, Joseph A. Becker, and G. B. L. Arner.

13. STANDARDS FOR COTTON CLASSIFICATION in the United States and abroad form the theme of Service and Regulatory Announcement 92, of this bureau, now available. This announcement is published to bring up to date and to supplement the information given in Announcement 82 previously issued by the bureau. All of the official standards for American cotton now in effect are given, together with a note regarding the distribution of copies of the practical forms, and a statement in some detail of the formal action of the European cotton exchanges in adopting official cotton standards of the United States as universal standards. The text of the agreement and of its supplement A and of the U.S. cotton standards act is given. The publication was prepared by Chester L. Finch, supervisor of administration of the cotton futures and cotton standards acts.

14. THE PROFESSOR OF TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY of the Technical Institute of Russia, Nicolaus Kanarsky, was a recent visitor to the bureau. He conferred with Mr. Tenny and Mr. Willingmyre regarding wool standardization, and spent some time studying our standards which are to be used as a basis for Russian standards. In accordance with the Professor's request, two sets of United States standards will be shipped to him.

Prof. Kanarsky stated that a commission has recently been appointed by the Russian Government to come to the United States to buy fine woolled sheep. Russia, he says, is interested in increasing her wool production, and developing her textile industry.

15. A REPORT based on the results of the third annual radio survey is now being prepared by J. C. Gilbert, of the Division of Information. It is expected that copies will be available in the near future.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Mr. Tenny is in Rochester, N. Y. today conferring with Edwin Smith, Foreign Marketing Specialist, in connection with the work of the International Apple Shippers' Association and the Western New York Fruit Growers Cooperative Packing Association. On Thursday, Mr. Tenny will speak before the Rotary Club at Lancaster, Pa., and on Friday at the country fair at Quarryville, Pa. His subject both times will be on the work of the bureau.

Mr. Tenny will be in his office Saturday morning.

Mr. Olsen has returned to his desk, and is Acting Chief this week.

H. S. Yohe, in charge of the Warehouse Division, was in New York City last Thursday conferring with the president and other officials of the Goshu Cotton Company, Inc., and with executive officials of certain banks relative to the licensing of the cotton warehouses of the company. Mr. Yohe also discussed with bankers the subject of grain warehouse receipts issued under the warehouse act.

C. E. Christensen, in charge of the Division of Agricultural Cooperation, left yesterday for Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul, and New York to confer with college officials and officials of cooperative marketing associations regarding cooperative marketing.

M. L. Wilson, in charge of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, returned to the office today after a two-months' absence in the West in the interest of cooperative farm management research. Mr. Wilson has also been studying methods and practices of beef cattle production in the Great Plains region.

Ralph Gould, of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, has been authorized to attend the hearings on freight rate adjustments being held at Chicago, September 8-18. He will also call upon shippers and transportation agencies in Chicago and Milwaukee to secure information on the relation of transportation rates to the production and marketing of agricultural products.

George T. Willingmyre, Wool Standardization Specialist, will go to New York Wednesday to meet with the executive committee of the National Association of Worsted and Woolen Yarn Spinners and discuss the matter of collecting current information on stocks and consumption of wool in Great Britain, France, Belgium, Germany and Italy, and the release of the data through the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome.

On Friday he will proceed to Boston to confer with the executive committee of the Boston Wool Trade Association regarding the proposal set forth above.

R. H. Wilcox, of Farm Management and Costs, has returned after four months spent in the Great Plains Area where he assisted in an economic study of range cattle production. Before returning he enjoyed a vacation at Argonne, Wis.

H. A. Spilman has left for the North Central States in the interest of the enforcement of the standard container act. He is scheduled to speak at Detroit, Mich., on September 9, on "Package Standardization." He has also been authorized to attend the annual conference of the Pennsylvania Association of Weights and Measures at Erie, Pa., on September 29 and 30.

Oscar Steanson, of Farm Management and Costs, returned to Washington today from the Middle West where he has been assisting in farm analyses and cost surveys.

M. Ezekiel, of Farm Management and Costs, was in Baltimore last Friday conferring with officials of the Maryland Dairying Association and the University of Maryland, in regard to getting information for a study dealing with the demand for fluid milk.

Benjamin V. Person will leave Wednesday for New York City to assist our Board of Cotton Examiners there in the handling of cotton samples incident to moving our stock of cotton to the new sample-storage building.

H. H. Hart, who has been on leave without pay because of ill health, has returned to duty.

E. J. Murphy, Philip Rothrock and R. C. Mill represented the bureau at the meeting with the Nashville Grain Exchange on August 26. The application of the new grades for feed oats and mixed feed oats and matters of adulteration were considered.

H. J. Besley, in charge of the Grain Division, is expected to return to Washington the latter part of this week.

Information vacationsists include Miss M. C. Vance who is spending the week in the mountains of Pennsylvania, and C. E. Trout who is enjoying a visit to Atlanta, Ga.

R. R. Pailthorp, of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, has gone to the Eastern Shore of Maryland to investigate the use of Federal grades for sweet potatoes. The grades are being used this year by the Peninsula Produce Exchange in connection with Eastern Shore shipments, and certain problems have arisen which it is hoped to straighten out. W. E. Lewis, who has been on the Eastern Shore experimenting in the use of the grades for cannery tomatoes, is also assisting in the sweet potato work.

Cards have been received from Dr. Rudolf Kuraz, Secretary of the Czechoslovak Legation, and formerly Agricultural Adviser to that Legation, announcing his departure for Prague.

Last Saturday, Miss May B. Giltrud, of Mails and Files, became the bride of Frederick W. Downey, nephew of Mrs. Anna B. Wiley, of our Grain Division. Mrs. James N. Holsen, whom many of us remember as Miss Esther Giltrud of the Office of the Assistant Chief of Markets, was her sister's only attendant.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Downey attended the wedding Saturday afternoon of Miss Eva Frances Parker, sister of Miss Mayme Parker, of Information, to Paul Waring of this city. Miss Parker's wedding took place on the lawn of her parents summer home at Arcturus-on-Potomac, Va. Both young couples are spending their honeymoon at Bermuda.

Miss Sybil L. Cooper of the Cold Storage Report Section returned to her desk Friday after a pleasant vacation spent at her home in Villisca, Iowa.

R. S. Albee, of the Section of Accounts, is spending his vacation with his sister in Andover, Mass. He expects to return to the office September 21.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Collier announce the birth of a daughter on August 30.

R. S. Kifer left yesterday for points in Virginia where he will assist in a study of dairy farming being carried on in cooperation with the Virginia State College of Agriculture.

Farm Management vacationists include: Mrs. Sue Parker who is spending two weeks at Lovington, Va.; Miss Catherine Scanlin who returns today after two weeks spent at her home at Dushore, Pa.; Mrs. Mabelle Darroch who spent the week-end at Atlantic City; Miss Ethel Vance, who is at her home in Michigan for a month; and Miss Anna Lodge who is visiting her home at Meriden, Conn.

Members of the Minneapolis Office of Federal Grain Supervision had an enjoyable time Saturday afternoon, August 29, when they held their annual picnic at Excelsior on Lake Minnetonka. About forty attended the event and participated in the games in spite of the hot weather.

H. W. Hawthorne has returned from a ten days' vacation spent in Ohio and West Virginia.

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1. SECRETARY OUTLINES POLICY FOR DEALING WITH THE PRESS.

The following memorandum addressed to Chiefs of Bureaus and dated September 4 has been received:

One of the most important means of disseminating facts about agriculture is the press, and I am convinced that we must employ a definite policy in dealing with it.

The Press Service is the normal means of distributing matter to the press. When a bureau originates material that it feels should have newspaper publication, it should get into touch with the Press Service. The latter will be responsible for the form and distribution of the material just as the bureau is responsible for the facts. In some instances it may be desirable to distribute the copy to the press in some regions through field agents, but this should be arranged in advance with the Press Service in order that all publications, no matter where located, may have an equal chance to get the news at the same time.

All proper facilities, however, should be given to writers who are seeking data on specific matters. We want, it seems to me, to encourage the special writer in supplying the public with useful agricultural information. Bureaus should not hesitate to give him such facts as he desires and as can properly be released. They should guard only against supplying him with news which should be released through the Press Service to all papers at the same time.

I bespeak your cooperation in this plan, which I believe will work in the direction of getting significant facts to the public and giving all members of the press a square deal. If it does not work out effectively, let me have your suggestions as to changes.

Sincerely yours,

W M Gardiner
Secretary.

The release of current crop and market information to the press by branch offices of the bureau has been conducted in accord with this policy. When special cases arise upon which the procedure is not clearly understood the branch offices should consult the bureau Information Division through their division leaders.

2. COOPERATIVE COTTON STUDY
TO BE MADE IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Arrangements are now being made with the South Carolina Extension Service and Clemson College for a study of South Carolina cotton markets to ascertain to what extent differences in qualities are recognized in the country markets by local buyers. H. T. Crosby, of the Cotton Division, left Monday night for Clemson College and other points in South Carolina to work with the Director of Extension and others in outlining plans and getting the work under way. The study will be financed mainly with funds available under the Purnell Act. Tentative plans provide that the local college will collect information as to prices in a number of selected markets and gather samples of cotton actually sold at these prices. This bureau will class the samples so collected as a basis for comparing prices paid with the qualities sold. It is hoped as a result of the findings to encourage farmers to appreciate the value of superior qualities and to market their cotton accordingly.

3. MR. WILLINGMYRE TO SAIL SATURDAY
FOR FOREIGN WOOL MISSION.

G. T. Willingmyre leaves Washington Friday for New York and on Saturday will sail on the S. S. America for England to confer with officials of the British Wool Federation regarding the correlation of the average Bradford grades and the official wool grades of the United States. As a result of this mission, it is hoped to establish numerical wool grades which will be a refinement of the present official grades.

Mr. Willingmyre will also go to France, Belgium, Germany and Italy to interview members of the wool trade and textile manufacturing industries regarding the proposal to inaugurate the issuance by the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome of a current report on stocks and consumption of wool in the leading wool consuming countries of the world.

Endorsement of the plans outlined above has been received from producers, dealers and spinners, and from the National Association of Worsted and Woolen Manufacturers and the National Association of Worsted and Woolen Spinners. In a letter just received, the latter association states that its executive committee unanimously passed a vote of general endorsement of the objects of Mr. Willingmyre's mission. The Pacific Wool Growers and the Ohio Wool Growers have also sent in written approval of our plans. Clippings received from the foreign press indicate a favorable attitude toward the proposal to collect and distribute more accurate world wool statistics. The Department of Commerce is cooperating in this work.

4. COOPERATIVE OFFICE
TO BE OPENED IN MICHIGAN.

An agreement has been concluded by our Fruit and Vegetable Division with the State of Michigan for cooperative market news work again this season. R. H. Shoemaker left Martinsburg, W. Va. to open an office at Benton Harbor, September 16.

5. SIMILAR BRAND NAMES CONFUSE
CONSUMERS, SURVEY SHOWS.

Similar brand names for food products confuse consumers and very often defeat the purpose for which brands are selected, L. A. Adams of the Division of Information has found in a study of the use of brands in the sale of butter in Washington, D. C.

Approximately 2,600 questionnaires were mailed to Washington residents in the survey, over 400 being received. The questionnaire asked the brand of the butter used, place of purchase, how long the brand has been used, the reason why it is used and a list of all brands of butter that could be recalled from memory.

The replies showed that 39 different brands of butter were used by 424 housewives, the most popular brand being one put up by an important chain store system. Second in popularity was a brand marketed by this chain store system, and which six months prior to the survey had never been sold within the District. The brand had been widely advertised and quality and economy were stressed.

Seventy-nine different brands were set down out of memory by 421 housewives.

Price and quality were found to be of primary importance to housewives when buying butter.

6. MEMORANDUM RELATIVE TO PREPARATION
OF CROP REPORTS AMENDED.

The Secretary's Memorandum outlining the procedure to be followed in the preparation of monthly crop reports has been amended as of September 4, and a copy of the amended memorandum is being sent to field offices with this issue of The B. A. E. News. The changes provide that the Assistant Administrative Officer in the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture may be in possession of the key for opening the receptacle in which the sealed reports of our statisticians are kept and may deliver such reports to the Chairman of the Crop Reporting Board at the appointed time. An addition to another paragraph reads: "No one actively engaged in the work of making private crop forecasts or estimates for either himself or for any other individual, firm, corporation, or association, shall be admitted to these rooms while the Board is in session, except by the express order in writing of the Secretary, or Acting Secretary of Agriculture".

7. GRAIN MEN HOLD CONFERENCE
WITH NORTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR.

H. J. Besley accompanied by E. G. Boerner and Grain Supervisor R. C. Miller were in conference with Governor A. G. Sorlie of North Dakota at Grand Forks, September 4. The conference dealt with protein testing work. At the luncheon given by the grain exchange at Grand Forks, the Governor outlined his ideas relative to marketing North Dakota wheat. Mr. Besley spoke of the work of our Grain Division, Mr. Boerner brought our interesting points in the economics of cleaning grain, and Mr. Miller discussed very briefly the routine work of Federal Grain Supervision at Minneapolis.

8. COTTON DIVISION OPENS
OFFICE AT SAVANNAH.

An office to supervise the sampling and handling of cotton samples representing bales that are to be certificated under the cotton standards act is being opened this week at Savannah by the Division of Cotton Marketing. Hughes Butterworth is to be our supervisor in charge.

Savannah is the first spot market to avail itself of this service. Under the arrangement, samples of cotton to be certified will be classed by our New York Board of Examiners and reviewed by the Appeal Board of Review Examiners in Washington. An increase in the amount of cotton bought and sold on government certificates of classification is expected.

9. DEPARTMENTAL CLERICAL PROMOTION
EXAMINATION ANNOUNCED.

The Civil Service Commission has announced examinations to be held at Washington, D. C. only to test the qualifications of applicants for promotion to the following positions: Under Clerk, Under File Clerk, Junior File Clerk, Junior Clerk, Junior Typist and Junior Stenographer.

Applications will be received until October 20, and the date for assembling competitors will be determined after the close of receipt of applications and will be stated on the admission cards sent applicants.

The Commission urges that persons who were allocated on or as of July 1, 1924, in classes of positions in the clerical, administrative and fiscal service, but who have an examination status of only subclerical or minor clerical grades, that is minor clerks or messengers, should take one of these examinations in order to become eligible for future promotions to higher grades.

For further information regarding these examinations, consult a member of our Personnel Section and obtain a copy of announcement No. 238.

10. THE FISHERMEN'S LIFE.
'TIS BELOVED BY MANY.

The perennial attack on fishing grounds in the vicinity of Washington was made by Fruit and Vegetable fishermen last Saturday. Wells A Sherman, resplendent with new rod and reel, led the advance toward Solomon's Island, and to prove that the fish "bit" for his attractive outfit, he brought home the largest catch. H. W. Samson at last accomplished that ever-hoped-for but never-before-attained result of really catching some fish - even if most of them were weak ones. R. R. Pailthorp suffered a slight indisposition caused by mal-de-mere. The other red head, Bert Boree, showed his versatility in the Waltonian field by landing toads. W. H. Broxton maintained his sartorial correctness, while Mr. Strowbridge insinuated that there were hard heads other than those he caught.

11. PERIODICALS RECENTLY ADDED TO THE BUREAU LIBRARY

N.B. There will be a similar list next week.

Baltic-Scandinavian Trade Review. Three times a month.

File begins with v.3, no. 8, April 22, 1925.

Contains short original articles on current topics, reports on trade conditions in the Scandinavian and Baltic countries as well as in other parts of the world, some foreign trade statistics, notes on finance, industry, agriculture, shipping, and insurance.

Le Bulletin Agricole de la Société Nationale d'Encouragement à l'agriculture et de la Fédération Nationale des Collectivités 'Electrification Rurale. Monthly.

File begins with Année 45th, no. 1310, January, 1925.

Contains laws, ministerial notices, regulations, and circulars relating to agriculture; synopses of the discussions of the most important measures in the House of Representatives or the Senate; and written replies of ministers to questions. The minutes of the meetings of the various sections of the societies issuing the Bulletin Agricole are given in detail. Some numbers contain short book reviews.

La Campagne. Monthly.

File begins with 51st Année, January 1, 1925.

Contains a forecast of the weather for the month; a few general directions for the care of the garden, the field, the vineyard, and the feeding of livestock; a very brief sketch of agricultural conditions in Algeria, Tunisia or other colonies; an explanation of various questions of rural law; a letter written by a farmer on agriculture and economic questions; and, as a rule, an article explanatory of certain meteorological conditions.

Economic Geography. Quarterly.

File begins with v. 1, no. 1, March, 1925.

Aims to supply "the need for a full knowledge of the natural resources of the world, and a better understanding of the natural conditions to which man must the more carefully adapt himself as population increases and the burden upon the land is made heavier."

Export World and Commercial Intelligence. Monthly.

File begins with v. 38, no. 921, February, 1925.

Aims to expand British trade abroad. Contains special articles relating to different industries and others containing information of use to those engaged in foreign trade of which "The Financial Machinery of Foreign Trade" is typical. Has in each number an export wireless section, an enquiry department, a buyers' guide, and an aeronautical section. Contains also notes on foreign markets.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

12. LESSONS FROM THE SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT OF A LARGE CORPORATE ESTATE operated by tenants in the wheat belt are suggested by Walter Baumgartel, formerly Assistant in Farm Life Studies, in Department Circular No. 351 now off the press. The estate is the one commonly known by the name of Amenias-Sharon Land Company. Recognition of the value of right human relationships seems to be the keynote of the success.
13. FIELD SUMMARIES recently released include: Western and Central New York Cabbage Deal, season 1924-25 by A. E. Prugh; Western Colorado Apple Deal, season 1924 by R. L. Sutton; and The Pacific Northwest Boxed Apple Deal, season 1924-25 by George E. Prince and L. B. Gerry.
14. AN APPRAISAL OF POWER USED ON FARMS IN THE UNITED STATES, by C. D. Kinsman, of the Bureau of Public Roads, forms the theme of Department Bulletin No. 1348. This bulletin was prepared under the direction of the committee on farm power, appointed by the Secretary to represent the Bureau of Public Roads, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and the Bureau of Animal Industry in a cooperative study of all phases of the farm-power problem.
15. A SURVEY OF SHEEP PRODUCTION on 200 farms in Northeastern North Dakota and Northwestern Minnesota and the general sheep situation are presented in Bulletin 186 of the Agricultural College of North Dakota. R. D. Jennings, of the Division of Farm Management and Costs of this bureau, is the author. The University of Minnesota was also one of the cooperating agencies.
16. THE ROLE OF MACHINERY IN AMERICAN AGRICULTURE is the title of a paper prepared by H. R. Tolley and presented before the first International Management Congress held at Prague last July. The paper was published by the Masaryk Academy-Institute for Industrial Management.
17. INTENSIVE DAIRYING IN NEW ZEALAND AND WISCONSIN is discussed in Wisconsin Bulletin No. 377 by H. L. Russell and Theodore Macklin, of the University of Wisconsin. This bureau contributed to the study, as did the Wisconsin Cheese Producers' Federation.
18. SATURDAY was the last half holiday of the season. Next Saturday, September 19, all offices will remain open until 4:30 p. m.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Mr. Cooper is expected to return to his office Thursday.

Dr. A. B. Cox will sail today from Cherbourg on the Leviathan, reaching Washington about September 22. Dr. Cox has been in Europe about a year making a study of the European cotton market structure.

Dr. Cox has been elected a professor in the School of Business Administration of the University of Texas, and is expecting to tender his resignation when he has completed his report on his European investigations.

C. L. Finch is leaving Washington Thursday night for a two-weeks trip to southern points to confer with officials of the department and members of the cotton trade relative to the administration of the cotton futures and cotton standards acts. He will also examine applicants who have applied for a license to classify cotton under the standards act. His itinerary includes stops at: Charlotte, N. C.; Calhoun, S. C.; Savannah; New Orleans; Houston; Oklahoma City; Memphis; and Chicago.

Lawrence A. Adams, Associate Economic Analyst of the Division of Information, has tendered his resignation effective October 2 to accept a position with the United States Chamber of Commerce, in the Department of Domestic Distribution.

Mr. Adams has been in the bureau for three years, serving in the former Cost of Marketing Division for about a year and a half and an equal length of time in connection with the consumer demand studies being carried on by the Division of Information. Our best wishes go with him for success in his new work.

H. M. Dixon, Extension Farm Economist, is in Providence, R. I. today attending the seventeenth annual convention of the Vegetable Growers Association of America. The subject of his talk is "Income and Price Trends in Vegetable Production in Relation to Other Agricultural Products".

Joseph M. Byrnes, Cotton Specialist stationed at Houston, Texas, has telegraphed his resignation to take effect the latter part of this month. Mr. Byrnes has been appointed by the American Cotton Shippers Association as its representative on the arbitration and appeal committees of the Italian Cotton Association, Milan, Italy.

James K. Wallace, of the Marketing Livestock, Meats and Wool Division will leave Washington about September 19 for Pueblo, Colo., where under the direction of the Federal Extension Service, he will attend the Colorado State Fair, September 23 - 24 in the interest of the livestock grade demonstration work in that section. He will then go to Laramie, Wyo.; Bozeman, Mont.; Pullman, Wash., and Corvallis, Ore. to conduct livestock grading demonstrations in cooperation with the various State extension services. Mr. Wallace will attend the Pacific International Livestock Show at Portland, November 3 - 4. At Pullman he will attend the Farm Management Conference November 9 - 11. On his return trip, Mr. Wallace will attend the American Royal Livestock Show to be held at Kansas City, November 15 - 23.

H. H. Hart has been selected as the Head Clerk of the Division of Land Economics.

W. C. Davis is on leave until October 1.

W. C. Nason, Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, will attend the conference on rural community buildings and be in charge of the rural community exhibit at Eastern States Exposition, at West Springfield, Mass., September 20-26.

Charles Bruce, of the Omaha office of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, is on annual leave at Los Angeles. Before reporting back to Omaha, he will relieve W. W. Wofford and report the Los Angeles livestock market for about two weeks.

Aaron Stambaugh, of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, has gone to Martinsburg, W. Va. to assist temporarily with the market news service on apples.

John T. Cavanagh, of the Grain Division, is being transferred from Norfolk, Va. to Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. Cavanagh has been authorized to stop at Buffalo en route to Wisconsin.

Miss N. C. Quill, of the Marketing Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, is spending September at Atlantic City.

Miss Harriet E. Smith, of the Warehouse Division, is enjoying a stay at Atlantic City.

Miss Marietta Thomas, of the Division of Information, is driving in her new Chrysler to Scottdale, Pa., and later will go to Atlantic City for a vacation.

Miss Grace L. Robinson, Fruit and Vegetable Division, is visiting at her home in Dorchester, Mass.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Park on the arrival of a daughter.

W. H. Stanton, in charge of the New York office of the fruit and vegetable market news service, spent his vacation in Washington. The Section of Accounts seemed pleased by a visit from Mr. Stanton, who was formerly in charge of that section.

Mrs. Georgia K. Gregory, of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, who has been on leave at Owego, N. Y., has been authorized to go to our dairy office at Albany to assist in editing dairy products reports schedules.

Fred G. Smith, of General Field Headquarters of the Grain Division, is visiting a number of southern markets holding conferences with the grain trade relative to the application of the new standards for feed oats and mixed feed oats.

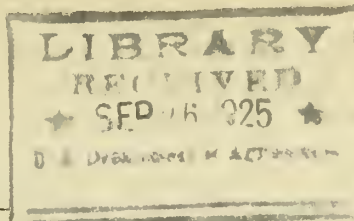
Thomas J. O'Brien, of the Chicago Grain Office is spending his vacation fishing at Red Granite, Wis.

The Grain Division at Chicago reports that a daughter, test weight 9 pounds, arrived September 5 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Coghlan.

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1. NEW OIL TEST FOR FLAXSEED ADOPTED FOR COMMERCIAL WORK.

That the quick method for determining the oil content of flaxseed developed by Dr. D. A. Coleman and H. C. Fellows, of the Chemical Research Laboratory, Grain Division, is appreciated by the flax industry is evidenced by the fact that four sets of the testing apparatus have already been ordered for commercial testing purposes. The Minnesota Grain Inspection Department has ordered one set for use at their Minneapolis Grain Inspection Department and a second set for use at their Duluth Department. The State of North Dakota has ordered a set for use in testing North Dakota flaxseed. This set will be located at the State mill at Grand Forks. Governor Sorlie, after the test was demonstrated to him, was so impressed with the value of it that he cut red tape in ordering the set by handing Dr. Coleman his personal check to cover the cost of the apparatus, with the request that Dr. Coleman place the order for him. The William O. Goodrich Company, Linseed Oil Manufacturers and Refiners, Milwaukee, has advised Dr. Coleman that they have ordered a set of the apparatus and, among other things, stated "We feel that this new test will develop many operations where great economy can be effected in our industry." The Howard Wheat and Flour Testing Laboratory at Minneapolis has also adopted the method and are advertising that they are ready to make the test for a charge. Our Grain Division has installed a set of the apparatus at Minneapolis and many commercial transactions in flaxseed are now being based on the tests made at this laboratory.

The new test is also applicable for determining the oil content of cottonseed, soybeans, or any other oil bearing seed. Many requests are being received for the mimeographed report which describes the test.

Arrangements are now being made by our Research Laboratory to give a working demonstration of the test at the chemical exposition which will be held at New York City for ten days during the latter part of this month.

2. EDWIN SMITH OUTLINES PLANS FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES THIS YEAR.

Having completed arrangements with the bureau staff for this year's investigations, Edwin Smith is sailing next Saturday for Plymouth, England, on the S. S. President Roosevelt to be in European fruit markets during another fruit marketing season. He is leaving tonight for New York City to confer with members of the staff, customs officials and exporters relative to obtaining reports on exports of apples and other fruits. E. W. Stillwell will go to New York Wednesday night to take part in these conferences.

Work contemplated during the current season covers a market news service through shipping point stations relative to probable fruit arrivals in European markets; an improved cable service on export fruit prices; continuation of investigations bearing on the relation of packing and shipping practices to foreign demand; grapefruit introduction; a survey of European demand and competition for American pears; and work in cooperation with the Department of Commerce relative to demand for American apples in Paris.

On account of continual movement between the markets during the winter, Mr. Smith's mail will be handled through our London office.

3. EDUCATIONAL COURSES FOR YEAR ANNOUNCED BY DEPARTMENT.

Preliminary announcement of educational courses offered by the department for 1925-26 has just been made. The courses will open in the week beginning October 12. Each course will consist of two lectures a week at 4:30 p. m. on specified days.

Full-year courses cover 30 weeks and the fee is \$25.00. Half-year courses run 15 weeks, and the fee is \$15.00.

If sufficient numbers of students make application, courses in the following subjects will be given: Advanced Scientific French; Agricultural and Bulletin Writing; Elementary Statistical Methods; Advanced Statistical Methods; Acid-Base and Oxidation-Reduction Equilibria; and Plant Breeding.

Prospective courses which have not been arranged for, but which the committee will endeavor to provide if enough applications are received include: Elementary Scientific German; Advanced Crystallography; Principles of Nutrition; Marketing and Cooperation; Prices with reference to Economic Cycles and Forecasting.

Mimeographed copies of the announcements may be had from the Office of the Director of Scientific Work, and applications for either the announced or the prospective courses should be submitted to that office.

H. R. Tolley and B. B. Smith of this bureau will be among the instructors.

4. FEDERAL HAY INSPECTORS LICENSED.

E. C. Parker, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, has returned to his work in Washington after an absence of five weeks in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri, where he has been assisting State authorities in publicity work relating to Federal hay standards. The hay inspectors' school conducted by Mr. Parker at the department's laboratory in Kansas City concluded September 5 and the following inspectors were licensed and authorized to inspect hay under the rules and regulations of the Secretary governing the inspection of hay: Walter J. Morgan, Ogden Grain Exchange; Oscar Kunart, Denver Grain Exchange Association; H. B. Converse, Oklahoma State Board of Agriculture; and E. O. Pollock, College Station, Texas. A group of agronomy and extension service men also attended this school and took the full course of training for the purpose of demonstrating United States hay standards and giving publicity thereto in their respective States.

5. WEEKLY GRAIN REVIEWPUBLISHED IN WASHINGTON PAPERS.

Washington papers have now become interested in the Grain Market News Service and through the cooperation of S. B. Nelson, Director of Extension, are publishing the weekly Grain Market Review under a special heading suggested by Mr. Nelson. In announcing the service several papers commented very favorably upon its usefulness to the farmers of the Northwest.

6. HAY INSPECTORS' SCHOOLNOW IN SESSION AT SAN ANTONIO.

Seventeen students are in attendance at the hay inspectors' school which opened September 8 at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. Eleven of the men are veterinary corps officers and privates of ^{the} army who are attending the school to receive training for inspecting hay to be consumed by the army. Under an existing agreement between this department and the War Department, army purchases are to be inspected under the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture and in accordance with United States hay standards.

W. H. Hosterman, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, is conducting the school and is assisted by E. J. Pollock, Federal Hay Inspector and co-operating agent of the bureau, whose headquarters are College Station, Texas.

K. B. Seeds, who has been in Oklahoma City the past two weeks conducting a broomcorn inspectors' school, will take charge of instructing the students at the San Antonio school in the rules and regulations of the department governing hay inspection.

The army posts at Fort Sam Houston and Fort Bliss are the largest purchasers of baled hay in the Southwest and the officers at these posts are deeply interested in hay standards and inspection.

7. BOWLING SEASON TO OPENFIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER.

The maples will start flying on Coliseum alleys the evening of October 7 when the girls bowling league of the bureau gets into action. Arrangements have been made for this league to bowl every Wednesday at 8 o'clock. Teams in the line-up will represent the following divisions: Farm Management; Fruits and Vegetables; Livestock, Meats and Wool; Information; Crop and Livestock Estimates; Land Economics; Library; and an Inter-division team. It is regretted that the Sterographers, who won the silver loving cup last season, have not been able to master a quintet.

Arrangements for the men's league have not yet been completed. It is understood, however, that at least six teams will endanger the life of the pin boys. These divisions are: Office of Chief; Fruits and Vegetables; Cotton; Grain; Center Market; and Farm Management.

A general get-together of the leagues will probably be held in the near future, when details regarding prizes etc. will be worked out. The girls' league will also consider the handicap system.

8. CIVIL SERVICE
EXAMINATIONS ANNOUNCED.

Announcements have just been received of examinations to be held by the Civil Service Commission as follows: Assistant Chief Warehouse Examiner, Warehouse Examiner, Assistant Warehouse Examiner, and Assistant Scientific Aid (Linter Grading).

Receipt of applications for the warehouse examiners will close October 27 and these examinations will be non-assembled. The Assistant Scientific Aid examination will be an assembled examination. Receipt of applications will close October 24 and the date for assembling of competitors will be stated on the admission cards sent applicants after the close of receipt of applications.

The entrance salary for Assistant Chief Warehouse Examiner (Tobacco Standardization) is \$3,800 a year. The duties will be to direct and to conduct investigations relating to commercial grading of tobacco, to inspecting and sampling tobacco with a view to determining its condition, grade and value, to warehousing of tobacco and other agricultural products; supervise the work of warehouse inspectors; take part in the administration of the United States warehouse act; address public meetings; and to conduct educational campaigns relating to the act, and proper grading of tobacco.

The entrance salary for Warehouse Examiner is \$3,000 a year, and for Assistant Warehouse Examiner, \$2,400. A separate register of eligibles will be established for each of the subjects: Bulk grain, sack grain, wool, cotton, tobacco and the warehousing of agricultural products generally. The duties of the examiner will be mainly to conduct investigations relating to the warehousing of agricultural products; while those of the assistant will be to inspect warehouses to determine their suitability for the storage of agricultural products.

Competitors for Assistant Scientific Aid (Linter Grading) will be rated on practical questions relating to the production, methods of buying, selling, grading and use of linters and on education and experience. The duties will be to perform various phases of the work involved in the preparation of copies of standard grades for linters. The entrance salary is \$1,500.

9. A CONTINUATION
OF THE FISH STORY.

Since the publication of last week's fish story, the short and ugly word was passed around the Fruit and Vegetable Division, and now the strong man comes forth with a full retraction that he caught a string of weak fish. Mr. Samson still maintains, however, that they seemed weak enough to him.

Mr. Pailthorp regrets that he did not have an opportunity to censor the item but censures it by saying that in spite of his slight indisposition, he was not affected enough to lose sight of the fact that he caught the biggest string of fish.

10. PERIODICALS RECENTLY ADDED TO THE BUREAU LIBRARY.

Fruiterer's review. London. Monthly.

This new journal is the organ of the London and Counties Retail Fruiterers' and Florists' Association, Ltd. In addition to the news notes of the association it contains editorials and articles of interest to the retail fruit trade.

Current file begins with v.1, no.2, August, 1925.

The Journal of social forces. Chapel Hill, N. C. Bi-monthly, except July.

Contains as a rule seven contributed articles dealing with social and ethical problems. These are followed by short articles discussing teaching and research in the social sciences; public welfare and social work; community and neighborhood; church and religion; inter-racial cooperation; government and public affairs; social industrial relationships; with guides to reading at the end of each section; an editorial article or notes and book reviews.

Current file begins with v.3, no. 1, Nov. 1924.

La main d'oeuvre agricole. Paris. Monthly.

Deals very briefly with all phases of agricultural labor and of rural sociology in France. Some issues contain a few book reviews.

Current file begins with January, 1925.

Meat merchandising. St. Louis. Monthly.

This "national trade paper for the retail butcher" aims to present "the latest and best business-building and profit-making ideas and plans of the most successful retail butchers in the U. S. A."

Current file begins with v.1, no.1, February, 1925.

The Primary producers' news. Sidney. Bi-weekly.

The official organ of the primary producers' union of New South Wales, published fortnightly. Each issue contains a short editorial on a question of current interest, agricultural notes of all kinds, reports of meetings, of agricultural societies and news relating to the activities of organized agriculture.

Current file begins with v.3, no.1, February 19, 1925.

Sears-Roeback. Agricultural foundation, Chicago. The Index; an analysis of current agricultural conditions. Monthly.

Contains information based on reports received from 3,650 field observers. Monthly features are (1) graphic indications of market trends and conditions and (2) a summary of observers' reports sometimes presented graphically and sometimes in tabular form.

Current file begins with May, 1925.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Mr. Cooper returned to his desk last Thursday. He has leased a house on Legation Street, Chevy Chase, and expects to move his family from Kentucky early in October.

Roy C. Potts is at Chicago attending a meeting of the National Poultry Council, September 21-24. Mr. Potts will speak on "The Present Economic Trend of the Poultry Industry." R. B. Slocum is also attending the meeting to give a demonstration of U. S. Grades and Standards for Eggs.

H. S. Yohe in charge of the Warehouse Division and James P. Brown, of the Raleigh office of that division, were in New York City Saturday conferring with insurance interests relative to insurance rates extended to warehousemen in South Carolina who are licensed under the warehouse act.

Mr. Yohe left Sunday for Atlanta and Albany, Ga., to inspect the condition of peanuts stored in federally licensed warehouses to ascertain whether the storage period limitation can be safely extended beyond October 1.

Dr. W. J. Spillman left here Sunday for a six-weeks investigational trip, mainly in the Pacific Northwest. He will confer with officials of State colleges and experiment stations of Illinois, Montana and North Dakota regarding cooperative investigations of types of farming best suited to these States and will collect data from outstanding farmers on the subject. He will also investigate and encourage the adoption of approved methods of farm management in the Big Bend area of Eastern Washington which will involve especially interviewing outstanding farmers in the area and addressing meetings of farmers in different parts of the area.

A. B. Genung, Division of Information, returned to his desk yesterday morning after a three-weeks survey of the agricultural situation in the wheat belt and in the grange, cattle and sheep country. Mr. Genung expects to leave for Ithaca next Saturday to do some research work and to continue his graduate studies. He will continue, however, to prepare and edit The Agricultural Situation.

Gordon F. Cadisch, Associate Agricultural Economist, Division of Agricultural Finance, has tendered his resignation effective October 15 to become Assistant to the Dean, College of Business Administration, University of Maryland at Baltimore. He is leaving Saturday for a vacation at his home in Long Island, after which he will assume his new duties early in October.

F. J. Hughes will go to New York Thursday night to take up with our officials there some personnel matters.

Chris L. Christensen and George O. Gatlin left yesterday for Lexington, Ky., to confer with members of the Field Service Committee of the National Council of Farmers Cooperative Marketing Associations.

Mr. Christensen will proceed to Memphis to confer with officials of the American Cotton Growers Exchange, and at Greenwood, Miss., will meet A. V. Swarthout relative to a study this bureau is making of the business practices of the Staple Cotton Growers Cooperative Association. At Dallas he will see James S. Hathcock relative to a cotton gin study. He will confer with officials of the Oklahoma Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association at Oklahoma City, and with marketing officials of the agricultural college at Stillwater. After interviewing prospective appointees at Kansas City, he will go to Chicago and Indianapolis to discuss current problems with officials of farmers' cooperative purchasing and marketing associations.

Howard B. Richardson arrived in Washington this morning from his headquarters at Clemson College. In our cotton laboratory here, he will make tests of the breaking strength of yarn manufactured from various grades of cotton and determine the spinning qualities of different varieties of cotton.

A photograph of W. C. Ten Eyck, in charge of the Telegraphic Section, was distributed by a newspaper agency in connection with the story about Dr. Taylor's leaving the bureau. As a picture of Dr. Taylor, it was a very good likeness of Mr. Ten Eyck.

A. W. McKay left Washington yesterday afternoon for Chicago to confer with agricultural officials relative to the liability of cooperative associations to income tax. On his return he will stop at Columbus, Ohio, to confer with officials of the Ohio State University relative to cooperative marketing work.

B. H. Critchfield has been authorized to go to Arkansas to confer with State officials regarding a proposed economic survey of agricultural production in the vicinity of Little Rock.

Carl Nagel, Warehouse Division, is leaving Wednesday for Vermont, Massachusetts and New York to make subsequent examinations of wool, cotton, potato and broomcorn warehouses.

A. G. Waller, Associate Agricultural Economist of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, is expected to come to Washington the latter part of this week to confer with officials of the bureau about the cooperative study of agricultural production now being conducted in New Jersey.

Oscar Steanson, Division of Farm Management and Costs, has returned to the University of Wisconsin to continue his graduate work in economics.

L. E. Gaylord will attend the convention of the Minnesota Creamery Operators and Managers Associations at St. Paul October 21 and speak on "The Market Viewpoint of the Butter Makers Problems."

Dr. D. A. Coleman and H. C. Fellows will attend the National Chemical Exposition to be held at Grand Central Palace, New York City, September 23-October 4 to demonstrate the oil testing equipment developed by this bureau.

W. J. Kuhrt, Division of Agricultural Cooperation, is on his way to the University of Minnesota to continue his graduate studies. En route to St. Paul, he will stop at Buffalo, N. Y., to confer with officials of export offices of cooperative grain associations, and at Columbus to confer with college officials regarding a proposed grain elevator study in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Mendum announce the birth of a daughter, Catherine Hawley, on September 16.

Miss Veda B. Larson, of the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, and Howard Turner of the Division of Land Economics, were married September 16 at Boston. The wedding trip includes Buffalo, Detroit and Deerfield, Wis.

Henry T. Crosby who was at Clemson College last week making arrangements for a study of South Carolina cotton markets, is in Pittsburgh this week getting information about steel bands used on bales of cotton. The data are to be used in connection with the investigation of uniform tare and uniform weight of cotton bales.

H. H. Willis, in charge of our cotton testing work at Clemson College, has gone to Greenville and other points in Texas to purchase cotton for use in the spinning tests.

Mrs. Sue B. Parker, Division of Farm Management and Costs, is reported to be rapidly recuperating after an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Dena Hammer is looking very refreshed after a month's stay at her home in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Mrs. Annie T. Turner, of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, has resigned effective October 6. Mrs. Turner has accepted a position with a law firm in Tampa, Florida.

Nelson A. Carr of the Section of Accounts has gone to Florida on account of the chronic illness of his son.

Miss Sadia Haskell of the Section of Accounts spent last week motoring in nearby sections of Virginia and Maryland.

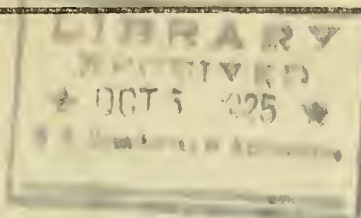
Mrs. Helen A. Robinson of the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, is enjoying a vacation at Ashville, N. C.

THE B. A. E. NEWS.

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1. CROP BOARD DEFENDS ESTIMATES.

The Crop Reporting Board, answering criticism of its September 23 cotton report, announced that it stands fairly and squarely behind its reports and accepts full responsibility for them.

"The board realizes at all times," the statement says, "the magnitude of this responsibility and the necessity always to act upon the evidence before it. It calls attention to the fact that critics are free to make any estimate they wish based upon as much or as little evidence as they may have. Statements that the board erred in certain reports are frequently merely expressions of opinion based upon scant evidence and superficial observation."

The board declared in connection with its report issued September 23, that every source of information available to the board, including reports of township and county correspondents numbering many thousand, which are received direct at Washington, the reports of the thousands of field correspondents who report to the State statisticians, the reports of the State statisticians themselves based on personal field observations and inquiries, as well as estimates from key men in hundreds of counties as to the number of bales of cotton likely to be produced in their own counties, showed a material increase in the probable crop outturn as of September 16 compared with the previous report. Furthermore, the board added, a careful analysis of the ginning report, which the board had before it in making its last estimate, combined with estimates from the correspondents as to the percentage of the crop picked and ginned to September 16, fully confirmed the data received from other sources.

2. BUREAU TO COOPERATE WITH AMERICAN RAILWAY ASSOCIATION.

At a recent conference between representatives of the American Railway Association and members of this bureau regarding certain cooperative relations particularly in connection with service work between the carriers and this bureau, it was agreed that a review would be made of the information now being received regularly from the railroads by this bureau and that new requests for regular or periodic reports to be made by the railroads, would be submitted to a committee appointed by this bureau and made a subject for conference between such committee and representatives of the American Railway Association. Mr. Kitchen was named chairman of the bureau committee. Other members are: W. A. Sherman, W. F. Callander and E. C. Shoup.

Interested division leaders have been requested to furnish a statement of the kind of information now being received direct from railroad companies. The committee is interested at this time only with information supplied regularly by the railroads, such as monthly or daily reports of shipments, arrivals, etc.

3. BROOMCORN INSPECTION SCHOOL
REPORTED A SUCCESS.

The first broomcorn inspectors' training school conducted at Oklahoma City, September 8-19, inclusive, was very successful. It was attended by 14 men and one woman. Four inspectors and one sampler were licensed for handling inspection in Oklahoma. The others took the course to become familiar with the grades so as to utilize them in their business.

The first inspection under the joint cooperative agreement between this department and the Oklahoma State Market Commission was made on September 14 by H. B. Converse, Chief Inspector for Oklahoma. This inspection was requested by the Broomcorn Growers' Cooperative Association of Oklahoma on a car of 57 bales sold to a man from Phoenix, Ariz. Both parties to the transaction were very much pleased with the inspection and the purchaser stated that he could have saved the expense of the trip from Phoenix to Oklahoma City, which was about \$100, if he had known of the character of the service being offered.

4. HAY DEALERS LIKE
FEDERAL HAY INSPECTION.

Officials of the Alabama Farm Bureau Hay Association state that they do not ship any hay unless it carries a Federal hay inspection certificate. They say this practice is increasing their volume of business and bringing an increased price for their hay f.o.b. shipping points. Not only is this shipping association pleased with the application of the grades but the dealers in Birmingham appear equally well satisfied and consider the Federal certificate very useful to them in handling their transactions. Heretofore, there have been no satisfactory grades for Johnson hay. The handling of this kind of hay was very unsatisfactory to all parties concerned because of the diversity of opinion as to quality.

5. INSPECTORS' CONFERENCES
TO CONSIDER GRAPE GRADES.

A series of conferences is being held this week to get before food products inspectors the latest information regarding the interpretations of the U. S. Grades for California grapes. C. W. Hauck, who has been studying the application of the grades at shipping-points in California will attend these conferences, and an attempt will be made to unify the work at both the shipping and receiving points. F. G. Robb will take part in the Chicago, Pittsburg and New York conferences, and R. C. Butner will preside at the Kansas City and St. Louis meetings. Inspectors from points adjacent to cities where the conferences are scheduled will attend. The schedule is: Kansas City, September 28; St. Louis, September 29; Chicago, September 30; Pittsburgh, October 1; and New York, October 2 and 3.

6. EXAMINATION ANNOUNCED FOR
CHIEF OF BUREAU.

The Civil Service Commission has announced an open competitive examination for Chief, Bureau of Agricultural Economics at an entrance salary of \$6,000 a year. The examination is open to both men and women, and applications will be received until October 27. Competitors will not be required to report for examination at any place, but will be rated on education and experience and on publications or thesis. Competitors who attain an eligible average in the examination may be given an oral test to determine their personal characteristics of address, judgment, adaptability, and general fitness for the performance of duties.

Applicants must have graduated from a college or university of recognized standing and must have had at least ten years of responsible administrative experience in positions involving the application of economic principles to agricultural problems. This experience must have been of a nature to demonstrate the applicant's ability to initiate and carry out economic investigations of the broadest kind and successfully to supervise the work of a large body of subordinates.

7. PURCHASE OF GASOLINE AND OIL
FROM THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Memorandum No. 13 of the Office of Personnel and Business Administration, which is quoted in full in the Official Record of August 19, provides that each bureau shall maintain a record of the savings resulting from the purchase of gasoline and oil from the Post Office Department.

To comply with this request it will be necessary to know the price of gasoline and oil at local filling stations at the time of such purchases and a memorandum giving this information should accompany each voucher. The record for this bureau will be kept in the Section of Audits and Accounts.

Furthermore, each voucher should show on the coupon at the bottom of the form the city where the expense was incurred, and on its face whether the motor vehicle for which the gasoline and oil were purchased is a Government freight-carrying or passenger-carrying vehicle. In fact, to facilitate the maintenance of records for the annual report required by paragraph 632 of the administrative regulations, all vouchers pertaining to the maintenance, operation and repair of motor vehicles should show whether the vehicles are passenger-carrying or freight-carrying. Example:

"Gov't. truck No. _____"

"Gov't. passenger automobile No. _____".

8. MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE
BUSY WITH APPEALS.

The Minneapolis Office of Federal Grain Supervision is very busy entertaining appeals, mostly on wheat and rye. R. C. Miller, Grain Supervisor, reports that both of these crops contain an unusually high percentage of dockage and the uncertainty of the percentage of dockage assessed by licensed inspectors on inaccurate samples has resulted in requests for Federal appeals.

9. DR. STINE'S DIVISION
HOLD GET-TOGETHER LUNCHEON.

Mr. Cooper and Mr. Olsen were the guests of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research at its luncheon last Thursday at the City Club. About 30 members of the division enjoyed the brief talks by the Chief and Mr. Olsen, the latter a former member of the division. Dr. Stine presided and called on B. R. Gould, A. M. Stebbins and R. S. Fletcher, comparatively new members, who told of the work they are doing.

10. THE CONCLUSION
OF THE FISH STORY.

We wish we had never started the fish story. This man Pailthorp is certainly a stickler for credit. He now maintains that absolutely no mention was given him for catching the biggest fish of the day, which by the way, got away. In fact, he almost caught the two biggest fish, but both of them got away.

And now comes C. A. Burmeister, whom we always connected with Livestock, and avows that he is not only a veteran fisherman, but the president of the Potomac Anglers Association, and wishes to call to the attention of other anglers in the bureau the sixth annual fisherman's outing to be held at Chesapeake Beach next Sunday.

If interested, drop a line in the Bay next Sunday.

Hereafter no reference will be made in these columns to fish stories.

11. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending September 25 are:

Carver, T. N.

Elementary economics... Boston, New York [etc.] Ginn and company [1925]

Chamber of commerce of the United States, Washington, D. C.
Foreign commerce dept.

South America's trade. With particular reference to the share of the United States in export and import trade of the ten republics. Washington, D. C., [1925]

Ernle, R. E. P., baron.

The land and its people; chapters in rural life and history... London, Hutchinson & co. [1925?]

New York. Chamber of commerce.

Annual report, 67th, 1924/25. New York, Press of the Chamber of commerce, 1925.

Ogata, Kiyoshi.

The co-operative movement in Japan... London, P. S. King & son, ltd., 1923. (Studies in economic and political science, no. 69 in the series of monographs by writers connected with the London school of economics and political science)

Radford, George.

State services... London & Toronto, J. M. Dent & sons ltd., 1924.

Rand-McNally.

Bankers' directory, July 1925. Chicago, Rand McNally & co., 1925.

U. S. Federal trade commission.

Report ... on the grain trade. v. 6. Prices of grain and grain futures, September 10, 1924. Washington, Govt. print off., 1924.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

12. PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOUTHERN STATISTICIANS CONFERENCE, held at Gulfport, Miss., March 24-26, 1925, have been mimeographed and copies of this 165-page report may be had upon application to Crop and Livestock Estimates or to Miss Thomas of the Division of Information. Papers read at the conference are given in full and contain much helpful advice for field men, particularly those in the crop reporting work.

13. HANDBOOK OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR STANDARDIZING TABLES, prepared by a committee from the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, is now available in revised form.

14. SPECIFICATIONS FOR U. S. GRADES FOR SWEET POTATOES AND WATERMELONS have been revised and mimeographed copies can now be had.

15. THE POTOMAC-SHENANDOAH-CUMBERLAND VALLEY APPLE DEAL, season 1924, has been summarized by F. H. Scruggs, and the mimeographed report has just been released.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

R. H. Wilcox, formerly in charge of the Division of Cost of Production of this bureau, has resigned effective October 15, to go with the University of Illinois. Mr. Wilcox will pursue his studies towards a Doctor's Degree in Economics at Illinois while assisting in the research work and graduate teaching of the Department of Farm Organization and Management. Mr. Wilcox has just returned to Washington after completing a regional study in ranch organization and management, which rounds out the work in livestock economics to which he has been devoting much of his time recently. These livestock studies have gone into the problems of production in the Appalachian region, the corn belt, the Flint Hills of Kansas, the sand hills of Nebraska and the great plains and inter-mountain areas.

The bureau will be well represented at the National Dairy Show, to be held at Indianapolis, October 10-17. This is said to be the most important gathering of the year of the dairy industry.

Roy C. Potts, L. M. Davis, D. L. James and T. R. Pirtle, of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, have prepared much of the material for the department exhibit and will be present at the show to observe the way this material is received by the visitors, to assist in supplying further information to leaders of the industry and to attend various conferences and meetings of leaders.

E. C. Shoup and P. F. Brookens, of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, are handling foreign information bearing on the dairy industry and are preparing from time to time material on the various phases of dairying. They will attend the show to make contacts that will be very helpful to them in their work.

B. L. Perkins, of the Division of Information, will help install and demonstrate the bureau display.

J. Clyde Marquis, who has charge of the exhibit work of our bureau and who is a member of the department committee which prepared the exhibit, will spend a few days at the show to develop plans for future exhibits. He will also secure the reactions of leaders in various branches of the dairy industry on the form and kinds of information prepared and distributed by the bureau.

Some of these men will be in the middle west in connection with other work and will spend only a few days at the show.

A new feature of the department's exhibit will consist of a special conference room where investigators, farmers and dairymen will have an opportunity to discuss with specialists of the department new developments and special problems relating to the industry.

Don J. Slater of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, spent last Friday in Richmond, assisting the Virginia Extension Service and the Bureau of Markets in selecting a good and common feeder steer, slaughter steer and corresponding grades of beef to be used as an exhibition at the State Fair which will be held at Richmond October 5-10.

J. C. Gilbert, Division of Information, left Washington Saturday for Hastings, Nebr., to arrange for the opening of a branch office on our leased wire system to make available our marketing and economic information for broadcasting from the powerful radio station KFKX of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company. Mr. Gilbert will remain at Hastings for a week to assist the management of the station and the representatives of The Nebraska Farmer in planning a program of market reports and other agricultural material for broadcasting. On his way back to Washington, he will stop at Ames, Chicago and Columbus to confer with the directors of extension and managers of broadcasting stations about improvement in the broadcasting of market and economic information. He will be back in Washington about October 15.

W.C. Cowan has gone from Kansas City to Hastings, Nebr., to handle the telegraphic work in connection with the broadcasting of market news information from the new Westinghouse station.

Nat C. Murray, formerly Chief Statistician of Crop and Livestock Estimates, paid us a visit last Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Murray was as glad to see former associates as they were to see him.

Dr. O. E. Baker, of the Division of Land Economics, has returned from a two months' trip through Canada and the Northern Plains States. The trip included three days at the Institute of Politics, Williamstown, Mass., where he spoke on the Relation of the Agricultural Resources of the United States to the Future Demand for Food.

In the Maritime Provinces, which Dr. Baker next visited, agriculture seemed rather depressed he said. This was true to a less extent in Quebec and Ontario. The conditions in the Clay Belt in Northern Ontario, lying about 100 miles south of Hudson Bay, were much better than he anticipated. In these northern regions, alsike and timothy grow abundantly even without cultivation and the region seems to be destined to become important in the course of time in the production of dairy products.

In Montana, Dr. Baker joined Dr. Marbut, Chief of Soil Survey Investigations, and Drs. Shantz and C. R. Ball, of Plant Industry, and spent the next three weeks in an automobile trip through the Prairie Provinces of Canada, observing the climatic and soil conditions in relation to the development of agriculture and of systems of farming. The utilization of land in this region has not progressed as far as in the United States, owing to the sparser population, and there is much good land still available for agricultural use, Dr. Baker reports. The trip was concluded by visits to the Agricultural Experiment Stations in Montana, Wyoming, and the Dakotas, where arrangements were made for cooperation in the preparation of the atlas of physical conditions in the Northern Plains and of several bulletins relating to agriculture in this region.

Last Friday, Dr. Baker attended a meeting in New York, of the National Industrial Conference Board, which is preparing a report on the agricultural situation under the direction of Mr. Jordan, chief economist. Various suggestions were made to the board by representatives of farm organizations and others, including a bounty on exports of agricultural products to be paid from a tax assessed on all wheat brought to elevators or to other markets. It seemed to be the opinion of most members of the board that something should be done to prevent a repetition of the low price for wheat, which existed prior to last year.

Dr. Stine attended the meeting of the American Statistical Association in New York last Friday.

Miss Mary F. Carpenter, of the Library, recently returned from a six-weeks sojourn abroad. Miss Carpenter visited England, Scotland and France.

Miss Katharine Jacobs, of the Library, has returned after two weeks of leave.

J. G. Cross will leave Sunday night for the Middle West to confer with railroad officials and others about transportation problems relative to livestock and dairy products. His itinerary includes Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis, National Stockyards, Ill., and St. Paul.

J. Kenney Miller, of the Cotton Division, just back from his vacation, is very enthusiastic about his trip over and back aboard the S. S. Leviathan. During his brief stay in England, Mr. Miller "snapped" London, Cambridge and Southampton, and promises to show us the prints to prove that he is no amateur photographer.

Thomas G. Stitts, Collaborator, who has been in Washington during the past month, returned to the University of Minnesota last Friday.

Mrs. Carrie H. Kardell, who has been assisting in the Denver office of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates for the last three years, will return to Washington about November 1. Mrs. Kardell will be assigned to the Foreign Crop Record Section to handle and translate agricultural information coming from Russia and other European countries.

C. E. Gage will leave Washington Wednesday for the eastern part of Ohio to meet C. J. West and check up on tobacco production.

S. W. Mendum, of the Division of Information, will spend the next four weeks at home getting acquainted with his new daughter.

F. W. Gist has been authorized to go from Auburn, Ala., to Atlanta, Ga., to consult with our Agricultural Statistician there and with the Commissioner of Agriculture of Georgia in connection with the compiling of fertilizer statistics.

John L. Stewart Jr., Division of Statistical and Historical Research, returned yesterday from a week's motor trip through Central Pennsylvania stopping en route at his home at Harrisburg.

Last Saturday, the Division of Agricultural Finance presented Gordon F. Cadisch with a beautiful toilet set in a pigskin leather case, in addition to their best wishes for success in his new work. Mr. Cadisch left the bureau Saturday and after a brief vacation at his home on Long Island, will take up teaching at the University of Maryland.

C. W. Kitchen left this morning for New York City to confer with officials of steamship companies in connection with the fruit and vegetable market news service. He will return to Washington Saturday.

Miss Mary C. Sullivan, of the Cold Storage Report Section, returned to her desk yesterday after a ten-days' visit with friends at Lowell, Mass.

W. C. Davis will attend the Virginia State Fair to be held at Richmond, October 5-10, to explain the different cuts of meat to representatives of the women's organizations of that city.

H. A. Spilman has gone to Erie, Pa., to attend the annual conference of the Pennsylvania Association of Weights and Measures, September 29-30.

J. H. Hoover is being transferred from Philadelphia to Atlanta to take charge of the inspection work on fruits and vegetables.

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LIBRARY SUPPLEMENT*

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Scope

The library of the Bureau is the economics branch of the Department library. It consists of the statistical collections of the Department relating to acreage, production, prices, etc. of agricultural crops as well as the collections on economics,

cooperation, marketing, rural economics, land and rent, labor and wages, finance, and commerce.

Users

The library is one of the service units of the Bureau. Every

Division uses it, some more, some less, and some of the Divisions could not operate without the material which is (1) collected, (2) indexed, (3) filed, and (4) made available by the library. In addition, the library is widely used by other Government offices and outside agencies.

Types of Service

The library is organized primarily to serve the Bureau (1) by direct reference and bibliographical work in response to specific requests, (2) by the circulation of books and periodicals covering the subject matter with which the different offices and divisions are working, (3) by the systematic acquisition of the

material which makes possible the two types of service noted above, and (4) by compiling in advance of demand so far as possible comprehensive bibliographies and summaries of data. This last can be done effectively only if the trend of events is carefully watched and a sense developed of what might be called library forecasting. We need to feel in advance the demand that is sure to come or we shall not be ready.

Bibliographies

The Bureau library has compiled this year 44 bibliographies and lists, varying widely in importance and value. The appreciation of these, as shown by the requests that have come for them and the commendatory letters received, has been very gratifying. They have been mimeographed only (with the exception of the Bibliography on the Marketing of Agricultural Products which was published as Miscellaneous Circular no. 35) and mimeographed material does not get much advertising so that the requests that come in represent real interest on the part of those who read the organs of the Bureau with care.

*The Library Supplement was not issued in July and August, 1925.

This library is believed to comprise the strongest collection of agricultural statistics in this country and probably in the world, and for that reason we are at work on the compilation of an index showing the official sources of various types of agricultural statistics in order to make the collection of more value to students. We have been engaged in the compilation of these data on the European countries for a little over a year, and to date the statistics from 47 official publications have been analyzed and almost 7000 cards made.

Correspondence The library receives all sorts of requests for help through the mail. They range from that of the school child who wrote "I am a General Science pupil. Please tell me what is General Science" and from another "Please mail me the book of economics and if you will send it to me you will enlighten me," to that of the economist or business man who writes for "A summary of the history of export bounties past and present," "A history of commercial fruit growing" or "A summary of the various wastes and leakages involved in food distribution." The replies to these inquiries through the mail was probably the largest element in the library correspondence during the past year, consisting of about 1800 letters, exclusive of form letters.

Foreign Files The Bureau received from the Department's commissioners abroad, foreign consuls, and others, during 1924-25 almost 18,500 pieces of printed and typewritten matter. Because it is essential that this material reach those who use it within an hour or two of its receipt a system for very rapid recording and routing of this material has been worked out in cooperation with the Division of Statistical and Historical Research. After this first use of the material, it is made available for later consultation by a system of subject filing sub-divided by country, which seems to serve every need at a minimum expenditure for equipment and labor.

Circulation and Current Reference Work More than fourteen thousand books and more than sixty-three thousand periodicals were charged out to borrowers during the year. This part of our service has been worked into a routine which we are constantly trying to improve. It is one of the most important means we use to be of service to Bureau workers. The current reference service is carried on in connection with this work.

NEW BOOKS

Agricultural Policy for England

State Services, by George Radford, is the title of a new book recently received in the library. It is a plea for a social or state policy for agriculture in England rather than an individualistic one. The book is divided into four parts as follows: (1) The State as farmer, (2) Agricultural organisation, (3) Our food supply, and (4) the State as banker, miner, carrier and host. 281 R11S

Autobiography of John Stuart Mill

Members of the Department of Philosophy of Columbia University recently gave the University the manuscript of the Autobiography of John Stuart Mill. It is from this text, without change even of capitalization or punctuation, that this volume has been printed. John Jacob Coss, Associate Professor of Philosophy in Columbia University, writes the preface from which the following is taken: "Mill's autobiography shows, as few books can, the growth of a man in the midst of his age. In many ways it is primarily an account of the social history of England in the first three quarters of the nineteenth century. Yet it is the personal though dispassionate story of the conflict of an integrated spirit with ideas and with the affairs of men. One sees an age, and one sees a man; and both man and age are so a part of our own day that by knowing them we learn to know ourselves." 120 M59

The volume makes delightful reading especially for those who are interested in the effect of reading on the growth and development of a mind. This small volume and the autobiography of Dr. Michael Pupin "From Immigrant to Inventor" certainly provide one with food for "long thoughts" on this subject. L.C.

Canada. Economic Resources

The third of the reports on economic subjects connected with agriculture, which are being published by the Great Britain Ministry of Agriculture, has been received in the library. It is entitled The Economic Resources of Canada in Relation to Britain's Food Supplies, and was written by Sir Henry Rew. The factors of economic development - land, people, political and social organization, and transportation - are discussed in their relation to Canada, and agricultural development is taken up under the following heads: Crops, Livestock, State aid to agriculture, Economics of wheat growing, Marketing of wheat, Dairying, Beef cattle. The appendices contain the text of the elevator agreement of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, the grower's grain pool contract of the Manitoba Cooperative Wheat Producers, the charter of the Canadian Cooperative Wheat Producers and their general by-laws. 280.9 G792 no.3

Cost of Living in the U. S.

The National Industrial Conference Board has published a volume entitled The Cost of Living in the United States, which has been received by the Department Library. This conference board has published sixteen reports on changes in the cost of living since 1914, "based on continuing observations," besides ten studies of the actual cost of living in separate localities. The foreword states that "In order to clarify the problem of measuring the actual cost of living, the Conference Board in 1921 issued its study of 'Family Budgets of American Wage Earners,' which presented an exhaustive analysis of all available material relating to estimates of actual living costs, family budgets, the standard of living and allied questions. The purpose of the present volume is to afford a similar analysis and comparison of the more important index numbers of the cost of living in the United States, in order that the character and basis of these measures of variations from

time to time and from place to place may be better understood and their intelligent use facilitated. In addition, this volume presents a survey of changes in the cost of living for the United States as a whole during the past decade, summing up in this way the outstanding results of the Conference Board's studies in this field to date." 284:4 N212Co

English Rural Life and History

Lord Ernle has written a new book called *The Land and its People: Chapters in Rural Life and History*, which has been recently received in the library. Lord Ernle is probably better known to us as Rowland Edmund Prothero, the son of Canon Prothero and the author of *English Farming Past and Present* and various biographical works. His new volume is full of interest, especially the chapter on *Farmers in Politics* which although written in November, 1922, contains much food for thought in relation to present conditions as it lays stress on the difficulty of framing an agricultural policy which will reconcile the divergent interests of farmers in their business with those of taxpayers and consumers. The last chapter in the book, which was also written in 1922, is a forecast for British agriculture. 281 Er6

Flour Milling

We have recently received a volume entitled *Organization and Management in the Flour Milling Industry* by E. Leigh Pearson, Associate of the City and Guilds of London Institute. The work deals with the administrative side of the flour milling industry and not with the technology of the subject. 298 P31

History

The Town Proprietors of the New England Colonies: A Study of their Development, Organization, Activities and Controversies, 1620-1770, by Roy Hidemichi Akagi. This work was presented to the faculty of the Graduate School of the University of Pennsylvania as a doctor's thesis in history, and bears the imprint date of 1925. It is divided into two parts, the first devoted to *The Town Proprietors* and the second to *Land Speculation in New England in the Eighteenth Century*. It contains an excellent bibliography of 39 pages and an index. 282 Akl

Imperial Economic Committee Report

The first and second reports of the Imperial Economic Committee have been received. This Committee was appointed March 6, 1925, "To consider the possibilities of improving the methods of preparing for market and marketing within the United Kingdom the food products of the overseas parts of the Empire with a view to increasing the consumption of such products in the United Kingdom in preference to imports from foreign countries, and to promote the interests both of producers and consumers."

The first report is general in character and is divided into three parts, (1) Identification of Empire produce, (2) Research, and (3) Finance, with statistical appendices on imports of foodstuffs into the United Kingdom and exports of United Kingdom produce. Appendix three is devoted to Merchandise Marks legislation and the 1920 Report of the Merchandise Marks Committee.

The second report of the Imperial Economic Committee is devoted to meat. It is presented under the following heads: Meat supply of the United Kingdom, Beef, Mutton and lamb, Pig products, Canned meat and fish. F.F.

India

Gilbert Slater has written the introductory note to a volume entitled Economic Conditions in India, whose author is P. Padmanabha Pillai. The work is a thesis approved for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of London and is a penetrating study of the economic situation in India today as well as of the causes which have contributed to that condition. Part 2 is divided into two chapters devoted to (1) Agricultural development and (2) Some problems of land and labour. The author shows the place of agriculture in India's economic life, discusses the principal crops - cotton, sugar cane, indigo, and grain - and compares the standard of production with that of other countries. Agriculture in relation to industrial development is also discussed. 277 F64

Large and Small Scale Farming

Gross-und Kleinbetrieb in der Landwirtschaft, by Paul Pagel, recently received in the library, is a brief review of the most important of the writings of the last decade dealing with the competitive value of farming on a large or a small scale. The conclusion is that no definite, comprehensive statement can be made, but that in general the large farm has the advantage in the production of marketable crops, the smaller one in that of animal products. A. M. Hannay. 33.27 P14

Royal Commission on Wheat Supplies

The library has received the second report of the British Royal Commission on Wheat Supplies which discusses the bread subsidy which ended in 1921, the wheat executive agreement, and flour mills control. F.F.

Town-Country Conflict

Roads to Social Peace is the title of a small volume by Dr. E. A. Ross, Professor of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin. The last chapter, which bears the caption The Allaying of Town-Country Conflict, is devoted to a consideration of the underlying causes of this conflict and the means of avoiding it. 280 R73

RECENT PERIODICAL ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Problems to be Studied under the Furnell Act.

The opportunities and responsibilities imposed by the Furnell Act, which went into effect July 1, 1925, and the means of meeting them in the most effective way were the subjects discussed by the presidents of the land grant colleges and the directors of the state experiment stations at a special meeting held in St. Louis in April. An excellent review of this meeting may be found in the editorial pages of the Experiment Station Record for April, 1925, from which these notes are taken: "...the Secretary of Agriculture spoke of the gathering as a 'time for counsel and for mutual understanding, a close working together for common ends.' He pointed out that the Furnell Act affords an exceptional opportunity for service, as it is the 'strongest testimony of confidence in the power of organized agricultural research that this or any other government has ever expressed,' but that it carries with it grave responsibilities in which both the stations and the department will share, and in which the need for close cooperation and coordination of effort has become outstanding... The point was made clear that the act is designed to give further aid to a going concern, that it is 'for the more complete endowment and maintenance of agricultural experiment stations now established,' each with an existing organization, administrative machinery, and in large measure the buildings, land, and other basic facilities for research... Another fundamental principle laid down by the Secretary was that the fund should be used primarily for investigations of substantial character. The act 'is a fact-finding, fact-interpreting measure...' As regards subject matter, considerable emphasis was naturally laid on agricultural economics, home economics, and rural sociology... 'Very many of the problems we now face are too large for individual States acting separately. They are regional or even national, and there is danger of viewing them too narrowly.'"

An important outcome of the meeting was the "selection from a large number of projects submitted of six comprehensive problems of national scope in which the stations and the Department of Agriculture might cooperate. These included the distribution and marketing of farm products, the problem of surpluses of farm products, the vitamin content of foods in relation to human nutrition, rural home management studies, rural social organizations and agencies essential to a permanent and efficient agriculture, and factors influencing the production and quality of meats. It will be noted that the first two of these problems lie specifically in the field of agricultural economics, the third and fourth in home economics, the fifth in rural sociology, and the sixth in a branch of production."

The Experiment Station Record for July, 1925, carries another editorial showing the developments since the conference referred to above. Five of the committees appointed by the Association of Land-Grant Colleges to study the problems chosen for first attention by the St. Louis conference met in Washington early in June, canvassed their respective problems, and prepared outlines. "Immediately thereafter the joint committee of the association and the Department on projects and correlation of research assembled, received the reports, and eventually, after discussion with the committees, approved the outlines as a basis for projects to be undertaken by cooperative effort. The outlines were then transmitted to station directors and heads of bureaus

in the expectation that each station would select whatever problems or phases thereof it might desire to engage in, having regard to its local conditions and such matters as funds, personnel, and special facilities. The projects when selected were then to be submitted to the Office of Experiment Stations in the usual way... The committee on the problem of the distribution and marketing of farm products submitted an extensive program. It believed that for the present the greatest advantage would lie in the development of research along three main lines, the problem of marketing and distributing livestock and its products, cotton, grain, fruits and vegetables, and dairy products; studies of cooperative marketing associations; and studies of the requirements of consumer areas. For livestock alone fourteen subjects of inquiry were suggested, of which those recommended as of more immediate importance deal with seasonal movement to market, channels of marketing, business organization and the management of individual marketing agencies, prices, market requirements as a factor in the selection of a market, trends of production and consumption, forecasts, and adjustments. For most of these the cooperation of the Department and the stations was advocated.

"As regards the marketing of cotton, two cooperative projects were considered for early action. One of these would deal with studies of equipment and ginning practices and the other with local marketing practices. It was pointed out that in such studies cooperation would be a most effective line of attack, since the participation of a number of cotton-producing States would extend the scope of the studies and give to the findings a regional rather than a more or less localized significance. Likewise it was thought that the Bureau of Agricultural Economics might render assistance not otherwise obtainable through its facilities for the expert grading of samples and in similar ways.

"In the marketing of fruits and vegetables, the committee saw a special opportunity for cooperative effort between States having within their borders large consuming centers and those which send vast quantities of produce to distant markets. Here again it was thought that the Bureau of Agricultural Economics might be of much assistance, both because of the very considerable amount of information which it has already assembled and because of its unique position as an inspection and statistical agency in the larger markets. Somewhat the same considerations also apply in the studies of the marketing of grain and in lesser degree to work with dairy products... The fifth committee, that on rural social organizations and agencies essential to a permanent and efficient agriculture, reported that it conceives the field of investigation in rural social organization as the study of those rural institutions, organizations, and relationships whose progressive adaptation and integration make possible the maintenance of an adequate rural life. The committee recognized the importance of several lines of research already inaugurated by different stations in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, among them those phases of the standard of living which relate to community institutions and services and the study of rural municipalities, and commended their further development and support. As new projects it suggested studies of young people's organizations as a factor in rural life; factors influencing the effective location of rural groups in relation to topography, geography, lines and channels of transportation and communication, and economic and social services; and the composition and changes of the rural population."

Russia and the Peasant

Vladimir Zenzinov, long a member of the Russian Socialist Revolutionist Party, is the author of an article in Foreign Affairs for October, 1925, entitled The Bolsheviks and the Peasant. The author writes: "What is there new in the peasant policy of the Soviet Government?... Until 1917...the Bolshevik program embodied the conceptions of a commonplace variety of Marxism, according to which the peasantry were, first and last, a class of petty bourgeoisie, alien and antagonistic not only to Socialist ideals but to all social progress... Strengthening the petty peasant would mean hampering the inevitable social progress. The only thing the Socialist party could do for the peasant - said the Bolsheviks - was to help organize the paid agricultural laborers...

"In 1905 the Bolsheviks were forced to make large concessions in this question. The peasantry, of whom they had thought up to this time as a purely reactionary class socially as well as politically, showed that they were a powerful revolutionary force. Indeed, the movement of 1905-6...was largely a peasant movement. The Bolsheviks grasped this and made a change in their tactics in regard to the peasants, but only in their tactics, not in their program... Then came the year 1917. Contrary to the ordinary conception, the real revolution at that time was not made in the cities, but in the villages. The essential content of the Russian revolution was the tremendous, elemental process which took place among the peasants and resulted in the disruption of the landed estates, the expulsion of the landed proprietors, most of them belonging to the nobility, from their villages, and the forcible appropriation of all private and state lands by the peasants. The thing that many had foreseen as inevitable, namely the satisfaction of the peasant's age-long thirst for the land, took place in an elemental way...

"In 1917, as in 1905, the Bolsheviks grasped correctly the significance of what had happened. They saw that the only way for them to keep in power and to strengthen themselves in it, was by staying on the crest of the revolutionary wave. With the greatest haste - literally on the morrow of their coup d'etat - they promulgated a decree which contained a project of socialization of the land previously prepared, but not yet definitely worked out, by the Socialist-Revolutionaries. This decree did not regulate the agrarian question on a country-wide scale, but simply sanctioned and ratified the wholesale seizure and partition of land already carried out by the peasants. By this means the Bolsheviks achieved their purpose. They neutralized the peasant politically...

"What was the further peasant policy of the Soviet Government? At first, it bore a perfectly consistent and typical Marxist character. All the Bolsheviks wanted from the peasant was for him to help aggravate the class struggle. For this purpose the famous 'Committees of the Destitute' were created all over the country, made up of needy peasants and farm-laborers... The Committees of the Destitute had but one purpose, namely, to sequester for the benefit of the city population and city proletariat the grain produced by the more well-to-do peasants... The result could be easily foreseen - civil war on a vast scale throughout the country... It lasted for three whole years over the entire boundless expanse of Russia. It brought ruin, curtailment of areas under cultivation, the nightmare of the famine of 1920-21, and never-ceasing peasant uprisings which the Soviet Government drowned in rivers of blood by means of its well organized police forces. This could not continue indefinitely, for even the fanatics of civil war

had their eyes opened, especially after such threatening events as the wholesale peasant revolt in the government of Tambov and the sailors' revolt in Kronstadt in the spring of 1921.

"The peasant policy of the Bolsheviks had to be revised. This was done by Lenin who, with his characteristic crude frankness, explained the reasons for such a revision. In April, 1921, he made his famous speech on the product tax, thereby initiating the New Economic Policy...which so far as the peasant was concerned took the less onerous form of a product tax. The Soviet Government had at last divined that if you want to get eggs you must not kill the hen that lays them. The Committees of the Destitute were relegated to the background... Gradually one clear and simple thought came to dominate the consciousness of the country: the destinies of Russia depended entirely on the reconstruction of peasant industry...

"And now we are witnessing a great object lesson. Apparently forgetting all of their Marxist dogma, the responsible Soviet leaders are beginning to reiterate the ABC of an economic policy which, from their lips, sounds as if it were a new gospel. Intensification of village production is the aim to which every effort of the Soviet reconstruction campaign must be bent. The Government must by all means help increase the welfare of the diligent, prosperous peasant... These appeals do not remain mere propaganda. They are being made the cornerstone of a practical peasant policy. On April 18 the Soviet of People's Commissars decreed 'Provisional rules for the hire of auxiliary labor in agriculture.' These new rules mean a break with the entire recent past of the Bolsheviks. They sanction officially hired labor in peasant agriculture, and at that, they set no limitations to the number of persons hired. Thereby they not only permit, they assist in the development of capitalistic relations in rural economy...

"So it came about that life has made sport of the Bolshevik Communists. When at last they grasped that the foundation of Russia's welfare lies in the development of the productivity of her peasantry, and that there is no other way to the economic reconstruction of the country except by raising the general standard of village life, they became plus royalistes que le roi même... After eight years of government experience, they have learned that all this policy was nothing but cheap demagogy, and that the economic policy of a state demands something different. In a country where the peasant population is in a huge majority, no policy can be effectual that is not based on peasant interests... But they have at last understood that their power will have no economic foundation unless they secure command of the national economy, and that this can be only peasant economy...

"What do we understand by making the interest of the peasantry the foundation of policy? Certainly it is something more than mere cooperation in the enrichment of the peasant, for which Bukharin appealed. It means an appreciation of the fact that it is the Government's duty to meet half-way and satisfy the social and political demands of the peasant. In other words, more than purely economic measures are required. He must be granted the freedom of individual and personal initiative and the opportunity to intensify his productivity by hiring labor. He must have the right of free, unhampered cooperative association... Freedom of economic determination is inseparably linked up with civic rights and with the possibility of influencing and determining the social and political life of the commonwealth. The peasant must feel that he is a full-fledged citizen with rights equal to those

of the city dwellers. In his village he must feel that the central power is closely related to him, and he must trust it and be assured that it stands watch over his interests.

"Can the peasant thus regard the Soviet Government? To formulate this question is to answer it in the negative! The Soviet press itself is full of facts which prove this. It harps upon the lack of connection between the peasant and the Soviet power, upon the distrust and even animosity of the village masses toward the Communists, upon the chasm existing between the villages and the cities, which latter, in the opinion of the peasant, are inhabited only by Bolsheviks... The Russian peasant as he is today and the Soviet Government as it now exists are two incompatible things. This is a matter of common knowledge to all who are familiar with the actual state of affairs in Russia, - on which there can be no dispute... Russia has become even more a country of peasants and of agriculture than she was before 1917...

"In spite of the danger of prophesying, one can foretell even now that Russia will be reborn - indeed is already being reborn - as a great peasant democracy. In eastern Europe an enormous new Denmark is evidently destined to arise. The Soviet Government, in whose hands are the keys of the life of the great country, is vaguely conscious of this. It is disturbed by the inevitable internal and external development of the peasant democracy, and is trying to establish its own ascendancy by flirting with the peasantry, with the hope that at the price of trifling concessions it may retain the whole power in its hands. Everything indicates that the attempt will not be successful. The only question of importance is, how long the process of natural growth will take. The rock itself yields and crumbles under the living pressure of the roots of a growing tree."

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